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## Free at last

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JONESBORO, Ark. — The end, if it can be called that, came all of a sudden. After nearly two decades in prison for the murder of three young boys, Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley Jr., com-



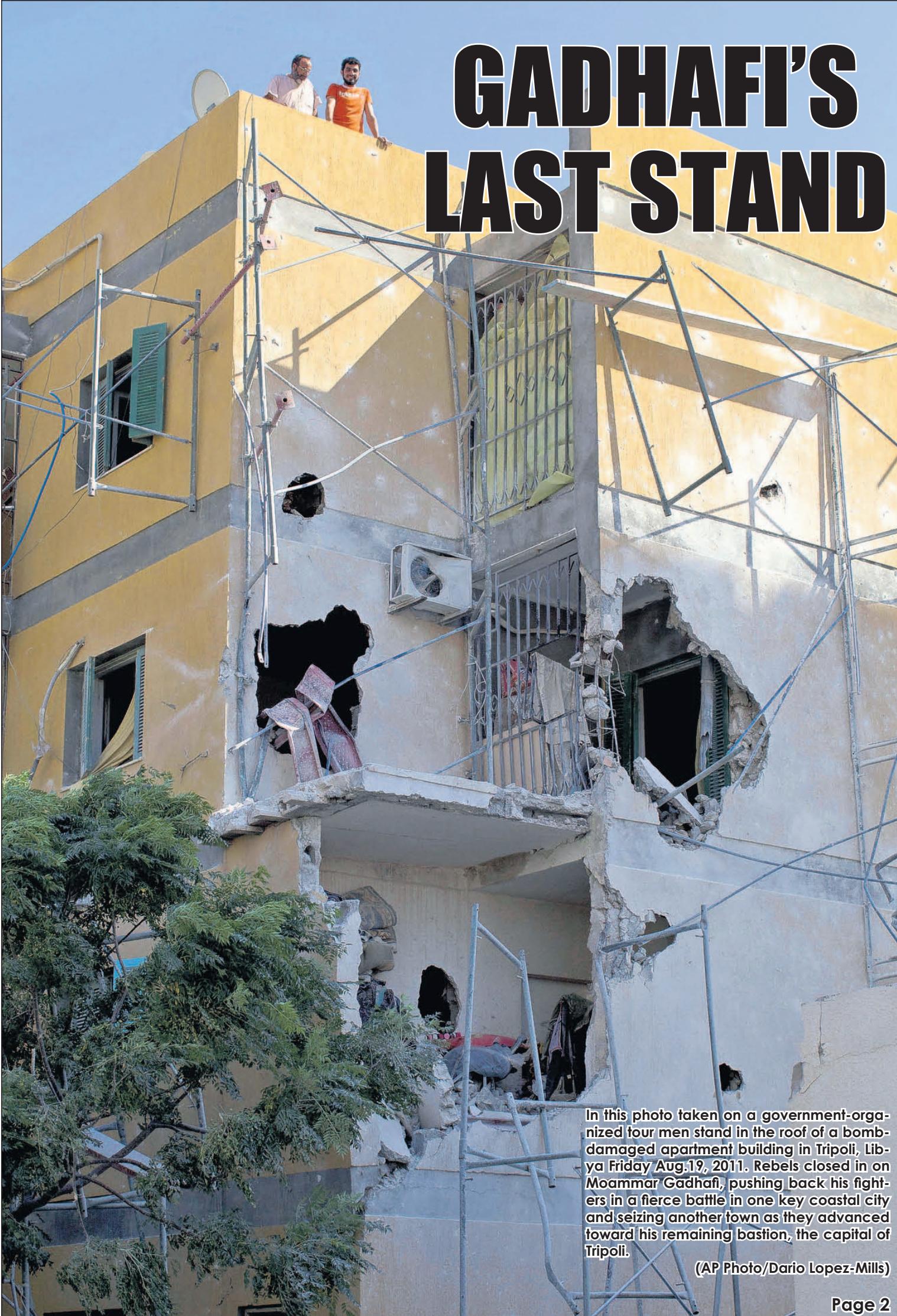
Damien Echols, one of the three men known as the West Memphis Three -- who have been in prison since their arrest in 1993, sits at table before a news conference at the Craighead County Courthouse in Jonesboro, Ark., Aug. 19, 2011.

(Steve Hebert/The New York Times)

monly known as the West Memphis Three, stood up in a courtroom here Friday, proclaimed their innocence and, minutes later, walked out as free men.

The freeing of Echols, 36, was the highest-profile release of a death row inmate in recent memory. Baldwin, 34, and Misskelley, 36, had been serving life sentences. In keeping with the tenor of this case since its first horrific hours, the circumstances of the release were bizarre, divisive and bewildering even to some of those who were directly involved. Under the terms of a deal reached with prosecutors, Echols, Baldwin and Misskelley leave as men who maintain their innocence yet who pleaded guilty to murder, as men whom the state still consider to be child killers but whom the state deemed safe enough to set free.

## GADHAFI'S LAST STAND



In this photo taken on a government-organized tour men stand in the roof of a bomb-damaged apartment building in Tripoli, Libya Friday Aug. 19, 2011. Rebels closed in on Moammar Gadhafi, pushing back his fighters in a fierce battle in one key coastal city and seizing another town as they advanced toward his remaining bastion, the capital of Tripoli.

(AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

# Libya rebels close in on Gadhafi, seizing key town

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Associated Press

ZAWIYA, Libya (AP) — Rebels closed in on Moammar Gadhafi, pushing back his fighters in a fierce battle in one key coastal city and seizing another town as they advanced toward his remaining bastion, the capital of Tripoli.

arduous and bloody. The massive fire at one point pinned down some two dozen rebel fighters behind a building about 200 yards (meters) from Zawiya's central square, a symbolic prize in the battle for control of the city of some 200,000 people. The area was deserted, with building facades blackened and scarred by

es, the rebels cut off the coastal road to Tripoli from the east and the west, and also control a city along a major supply road to the capital from the south. Dealing another blow to the increasingly isolated leader, Libyan rebels said Friday that Abdel-Salam Jalloud, a close Gadhafi associate who was once the No. 2 top regime offi-

Rebel official Abdel-Hafiz Ghoga said the defection "gives us assurance that Gadhafi is weakening" while stressing that Jalloud would face justice for any crimes committed when he was part of the regime.

As fighting intensified, the International Organization for Migration announced plans to start evacuating "large numbers" of Egyptians and other foreigners, including some journalists, from Tripoli in coming days. IOM spokeswoman Jemini Pandya said the organization has appealed to donors for emergency funding for the rescue effort, which was needed because the road between Tunisia and Tripoli has been closed.

"We have a very limited window of opportunity to carry out this operation because of the fighting, so it is essential that we are not constrained by a lack of funds from the outset," she told reporters in Geneva.

In recent weeks, the rebels gained momentum, following long stretches of deadlock in the 6-month-old civil war. Fighting had erupted after anti-regime protests swept the country in February. In the early stages, the rebels seized much of the east and two pockets in the west, including the Na-fusa mountain range and the port city of Misrata.

For the past week, rebel fighters have been bogged down in the center of Zawiya, after claiming victory over a sprawling oil refinery complex on the western outskirts following days of fighting.

Rebel forces have frequently found themselves outgunned by Gadhafi's forces despite stepped up airstrikes by NATO in Zawiya, Tripoli and surrounding areas.

Faisal Ben Issa, a 30-year-old lawyer-turned-fighter on Zawiya's front line, said he shares his Belgian-made assault rifle with a neighbor, each doing 12-hour shifts at the front line to get maximum use out of the weapon. Ben Issa was listing the weapons at Gadhafi's disposal when he was cut off by a particularly deafening round of mortar fire. □



Rebel fighters, foreground, pray during Friday prayers in the rebel-held town of Benghazi, Libya, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

The territory remaining under Gadhafi's control has been shrinking dramatically in the past three weeks, with opposition fighters moving closer to Tripoli, a metropolis of 2 million people, from the west, south and east.

At the nearest point, rebel fighters are just 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of Tripoli, in the coastal city of Zawiya, where battles raged Friday over control of the city center. Gadhafi's forces pounded rebel-held areas of the city with rockets, mortars and anti-aircraft fire, but by nightfall were pushed out of a multistory hotel on the square.

NATO's bombing campaign has made it difficult for the regime to send massive reinforcements to Zawiya, enabling the rebels to maintain a hold over much of the city, their biggest prize in months.

But Friday's onslaught by regime forces also signaled that an opposition push toward Tripoli could be

bullet holes.

The men took a break for Muslim noon prayers, washing their hands and feet with water from plastic bottles, then kneeling on carpets under an olive tree. The group was commanded by Rida Shaeb, a 47-year-old electrician who wore his workman's blue coveralls to the front line. "We are here to fight," said Shaeb. "We are not going back, even if we die."

East of the capital, rebels seized the city of Zlitan after clashes with regime forces that left 31 rebels dead and 120 injured, a spokesman said. Zlitan had been a major obstacle in the rebels' push toward Tripoli from the east.

"The fighters have liberated Zlitan and they are fighting west of the city," said Munir Ramzi of the opposition Misrata Military Council. He said Gadhafi's forces were fleeing after Friday's victory and the rebels are in control of the city.

With the recent advanc-

cial, has defected.

Jalloud helped Gadhafi stage the 1969 coup that propelled him to power and transformed Libya from a monarchy to a republic. He was Gadhafi's most trusted deputy for two decades but began to clash with the leader starting in the 1990s.

Rebel spokesman Mahmoud Shammam said that Jalloud had fled to a rebel-held area in the western mountains and was on his way to Europe. Pictures showing Jalloud in the western town of Zintan appeared on rebel Facebook pages. Jalloud did not issue any statements, but Shammam said he had confirmed the defection on the telephone.

Jalloud's defection, if confirmed, would be the latest crack in what remains of Gadhafi's regime, although the two men had fallen out. Rebels also said Jalloud could provide valuable information about Gadhafi's inner circle.

## Perry and Bush keep distance

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Sharing a last name with George W. Bush has no doubt contributed to the decision by his younger brother Jeb to stay out of the Republican presidential fray. But can sharing a Texas twang with the last president hurt Gov. Rick Perry's chances of becoming the next one? The observation is made frequently, and with remarkable consistency: Perry sure reminds people of another governor from that state.

As Perry worked the room at the Bedford Village Inn after speaking Wednesday at a Politics and Eggs breakfast in New Hampshire, Andrew Smith, an associate professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire, said, "You close your eyes and you can just hear George W. Bush."

Bush and Perry have more than a few surface-level similarities — the cowboy boots, the swagger, the same way of hunching up their necks when they give a "heh-heh" chuckle. They share an I'm-the-Decider confidence and a down-home way of speakin' that's heavy on the dropped g's. (On the campaign trail last week, Perry frequently warned against "over-taxin', over-regulatin' and overlitigatin'"). Perry, however, is hardly a natural heir to the Texas Bush legacy or the much-maligned reputation that Bush left among both Republicans and Democrats.

The blue-blooded Bush clan's dislike of the gun-slinging, coyote-shooting son of tenant farmers runs deep — from the first President George Bush on down to the family's political Svengali, Karl Rove, to state-level operatives — and Perry further offended Bush-world when, in recent years, he criticized President George W. Bush on a number of issues, including questioning his fiscal conservatism. □

# Deal frees West Memphis three in Arkansas

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Despite a half-hour of esoteric legal procedure, the courtroom was charged with raw feeling. Several of the relatives of the victims were ejected for their outbursts.

One told the judge he was opening a Pandora's box in allowing this deal; another shouted that the defendants were murderers and baby-killers.

The hearing was something of an emotional family reunion, with reporters, former defense lawyers, family members and observers who have followed the case for two decades coming together possibly for the last time. Families joyously anticipating homecomings sat next to long-grieving fathers contemplating a dreaded turn of events they had not thought possible days earlier.

At a news conference afterward, surrounded by lawyers and treated as celebrities by their army of supporters, including the singer Eddie Vedder and members of the Dixie Chicks, the men seemed, above all, exhausted.

"I'm just tired," Echols said. "This has been going on for 18 years."

It was May 1993 when the nude bodies of three 8-year-old boys, Christopher Byers, Stevie Branch and Michael Moore, were found in a drainage canal in Robin Hood Hills, a wooded area in the poor Arkansas town of West Memphis. The bodies appeared to have been mutilated, and their hands were tied to their feet.

The grotesque nature of the murders, coming in the midst of a nationwide panic about satanic cult activity, led investigators from the West Memphis Police Department to focus on Echols, a troubled yet gifted teenager who wore all black and considered himself a Wiccan.

Efforts to learn more about him through a woman cooperating with the police led to Misskelley, an acquaintance of Echols' who



People react as Damien Echols, Jessie Misskelley Jr. and Jason Baldwin, known as the West Memphis Three -- who have been in prison since their arrest in 1993, exit the Craighead County Courthouse in Jonesboro, Ark., Aug. 19, 2011.

(Steve Hebert/The New York Times)

has an IQ in the low 70s.

After a nearly 12-hour police interrogation, Misskelley confessed to the murders and implicated Echols and Baldwin, though his confession diverged in significant details, like the time of the murders, with the facts known by the police. Misskelley later recanted, but on the strength of that confession he was convicted in February 1994.

Echols and Baldwin soon after were convicted of three counts of capital murder in a separate trial, largely on the testimony of witnesses who said they heard the teenagers talk of the murders, and on the prosecution's argument that the defendants had been motivated as members of a satanic cult. Misskelley's confession was not admitted at their trial, though recently a former lawyer for that jury's foreman filed an affidavit saying that the foreman, determined to convict, had brought the confession up in deliberations to sway undecided jurors.

While many were convinced of the defendants' guilt, others were immediately skeptical, believing he was singled out for being an outsider in a small town.

An award-winning documentary, "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin

Hood Hills," was released after their convictions, bringing them national attention.

Benefit concerts were held, books were written, a follow-up documentary was made and a movement to free the "West Memphis Three" grew in size and intensity, drawing those intrigued by the case and those who saw a kinship with the men at the heart of it.

"I was kind of going through the same clothing style: long hair, dark clothes," said Mecinda Smith, 30, one of the hundreds of supporters who had come to the courthouse, holding posters and wearing "Free the WM3" T-shirts. □

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## White house gets a change of scenery on Martha's Vineyard

**MARK LANDLER**

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CHILMARK, Mass. — When President Barack Obama boarded Air Force One this week for his vacation on Martha's Vineyard, he was conspicuously accompanied by John O. Brennan, his chief counterterrorism adviser. Next week, a top economic adviser, Brian Deese, will arrive to prep Obama for his speech on the economy after Labor Day.

If this seems like going on vacation with your lawyer and accountant, well, that's part of being a president at play.

The Obama administration, as much as its predecessors, is acutely sensitive to criticism about the president taking time off — complaints that are noisier this year because his annual retreat comes at a time of economic pain and market turmoil.

By bringing along Brennan, who was photographed Friday giving Obama his daily national security briefing on deck chairs — before the president took his daughters to a local bookstore, before he played his first round of golf — the White House is sending a message: This vacation is less a chance to kick back than a change of scenery.

"The president understands that he has important responsibilities to fill," the deputy White House press secretary, Joshua Earnest, said to reporters on the way to Martha's Vineyard. "And it's his job to fill those responsibilities 24 hours a

day, 365 days a year."

The trouble for this White House — from a public relations point of view, if not

from Brennan down to the handler who walked the Obama family dog, Bo, onto Air Force One (neatly

hotel in Edgartown, a stylish port known for its stately homes built by whaling captains. The first family is renting a 28-acre waterfront estate, Blue Heron Farm, which has horse paddocks, a boat house, and an apple orchard.

Few locals in this Democratic-friendly terrain begrudge Obama his time off.

A banner at the Mansion House Inn, where reporters are staying, declares, "Having achieved so much against division and dysfunction, President Obama deserves a Vineyard vacation." (Full disclosure: The hotel is swell, too, with a rooftop deck that looks out to yachts in the harbor.) Contrast that to the quarters where the Bush administration used to billet its staff, when President George W. Bush vacationed at his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Because it was so remote, with few hotels nearby, the White House leased 11 acres outside the gates from a neighbor of Bush and put in five trailers, said Steve Atkiss, a former special assistant to the president for operations, who helped set up the outpost.

The trailers housed Secret Service agents, military aides, a communications center, helicopter pilots and members of the president's senior staff.

"They were pretty run-of-the-mill double-wide trailers," said Atkiss, who now works for Command Consulting Group, a security and intelligence consultancy. "They were functional

spaces without being in the least bit luxurious. It was not Martha's Vineyard."

And Bush spent a lot of time in Texas: 180 days, at the same point in his administration where Obama is now, according to CBS News reporter Mark Knoller, who compiles such statistics. Obama spent 61 days on vacation before this holiday began.

As with Obama, Bush's sojourns were not vacations in the normal sense of the word.

He played host to world leaders at the ranch and held national security meetings. Atkiss argued that presidents can actually get more done on vacation, since they are not interrupted by White House ceremonial duties.

Obama did play golf in Edgartown, after he took his girls home from Bunch of Grapes, a Vineyard Haven bookstore. But aides say he will devote time next week to honing proposals to revive the economy, to be announced in September. Fast-moving events in Syria and Libya guarantee that Brennan will be kept busy, too.

For now, though, the president's staff members are savoring the sea breezes in a place they insist functions as well as a New England White House.

Working out of a bed-and-breakfast, Earnest said, is "better than doing my job at my desk in lower press" — referring to the cramped West Wing space where media aides field calls from reporters. □



President Barack Obama tees off while playing golf at the Vineyard Golf Club in Edgartown, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011. Obama is vacationing on the island with his family during the last half of August 2011.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

a quality-of-life point of view — is that this is such a delightful place to do the hard work of governing. The administration flew about 150 people to Martha's Vineyard: Secret Service agents, military aides and staff members —

trimmed for his Vineyard romp, Bo sneaked in by the rear stairs, ahead of the media contingent). Some staff members are housed in bed-and-breakfasts, with ruffled bed-spreads and gaily painted shutters. Others are at a

## APNewsBreak: Doc charged in drug case

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**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — A doctor who wrote prescriptions for nearly a million tablets of the powerful painkiller hydrocodone last year has been charged with seven others in what authorities described as a strike against a ring that smuggled prescription drugs to Mexico from the U.S., according to federal indictments obtained Friday.

The unusual operation brought a flood of yellow and blue hydrocodone tablets to Tijuana pharmacies, where American addicts snapped them up over the counter on jaunts across the border from San Diego, investigators said. Authorities speculate it was easier for smugglers to unload large batches of pills at those loosely regulated pharmacies than to distribute them in small amounts through American street dealers.

It's also profitable: A smuggler who buys a pill for about \$2 in the United States can sell it to a Mexican pharmacy for about \$3.50, and the American addict pays about \$6 to bring it back home.

"We got Tijuana in the palm of our hand," Jason Lewis, one of the people accused of smuggling, said in a wiretapped conversation, according to a search warrant affidavit filed in the case.

"We've been doing this for years, bro."

The risk of getting caught carrying drugs across the border into Mexico is minuscule. Motorists and pedestrians are almost never stopped for questioning, unlike the tough scrutiny they face when entering the United States.

No hydrocodone pills and only 90 oxycodone pills were seized from Mexico-bound travelers at U.S. border crossings in fiscal 2009, the year before the investigation began.

"This organization found the black market in Mexico as the least risky way to conduct their business." □

## Police:

# Accused man claimed bias in wife's killing

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Associated Press

**BOONTON, New Jersey (AP)**

— A Pakistani-American man whose Pakistan-born wife was gunned down while they and their son walked along a quiet suburban street plotted the killing with another woman and told police his family had been attacked by a group of men who called them terrorists, authorities said Friday.

Kashif Parvaiz, 26, suffered non-life-threatening wounds in the shooting that killed his 27-year-old wife, Nazish Noorani. They were walking with their 3-year-old son, who was in a stroller, to a relative's house in Boonton when shots rang out Tuesday night. The boy was unharmed. The couple's 5-year-old son was with Noorani's family inside the house. Parvaiz and 26-year-old Antionette Stephen of Massachusetts both face charges of murder, conspiracy and weapons offenses. He also faces child-endangerment charges. Stephen and Parvaiz exchanged text messages in the days leading

up to the shooting, according to an arrest affidavit released by the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

"You hang in there. Freedom is just around ur corner," read one text sent

of texts continued up until 2 p.m. on the day of the shooting, authorities said.

Parvaiz, who has been in the hospital, was arrested several days ago, authorities said. He was being held



**People are seen outside of the Jama-e-Masjid Islamic Center during funeral services for Nazish Noorani, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011, in Boonton, N.J. Noorani's husband, Kashif Parvaiz, has been arrested in connection with her murder, according to authorities.**

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

from a phone listed to Stephen's father to Parvaiz, according to the affidavit. Subsequent texts from Stephen's number describe driving around the neighborhood to see how far away the nearest police station was, according to the affidavit. The exchange

on \$1 million bail. Authorities said they did not know whether he had a lawyer. Stephen was arrested Thursday night in Massachusetts. She was arraigned Friday on a fugitive-from-justice charge and was being held without bail at a women's prison in Massachusetts. It's

not clear when she might be returned to New Jersey. Meghan Spring, the attorney who represented her at her arraignment, did not immediately return a call seeking comment. Parvaiz, his wife and their son were walking from Noorani's sister's house to her father's house a few blocks away when the shooting occurred. According to Morris County Prosecutor Robert Bianchi, Parvaiz's accounts of the attack were inconsistent and immediately raised suspicions. Parvaiz told investigators the couple was attacked by a combination of black and white males who shouted ethnic slurs, authorities said. In his initial story, the group shouted something about the family being "terrorists," authorities said. Bianchi said investigators were deeply concerned when Parvaiz suggested it was a bias crime, but within hours "it was obvious to investigators that this was sadly the alleged handy work of the victim's husband who allegedly did the unthinkable and plotted to murder his wife." □



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# Officials rush to ease shortage of vital drugs

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**WASHINGTON** — Federal officials and lawmakers, along with the drug industry and doctors' groups, are rushing to find remedies for critical shortages of drugs to treat a number of life-threatening illnesses, including bacterial infection and several forms of cancer.

The proposed solutions, which include a national stockpile of cancer medicines and a nonprofit company that will import drugs and eventually make them, are still in the early or planning stages. But the sense of alarm is widespread.

"These shortages are just killing us," said Dr. Michael Link, president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the nation's largest alliance of cancer doctors. "These drugs save lives, and it's unconscionable that medicines that cost a couple of bucks a vial are unavailable."

So far this year, at least 180 drugs that are crucial for treating childhood leu-

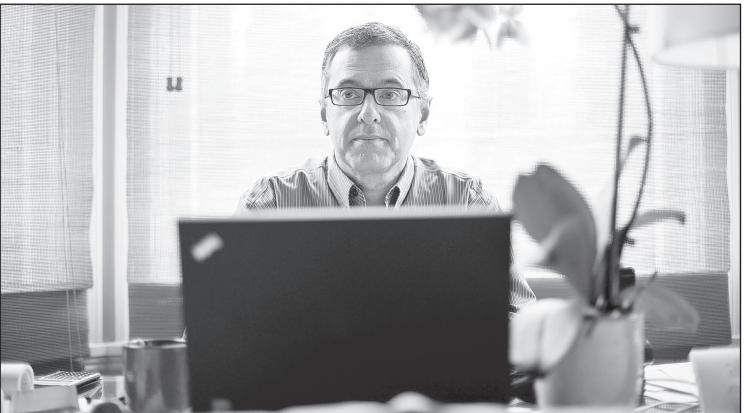
kemia, breast and colon cancer, infections and other diseases have been declared in short supply — a record number.

Prices for some have risen as much as twentyfold, and clinical trials for some

in Houston for a 9 a.m. appointment to receive Doxil, a vital medicine for her ovarian cancer.

She was told to go home and wait until new supplies arrived.

"My life is in jeopardy," she



**Jay Cuetara, who says he cannot get the drug he needs for his rectal cancer because of low supplies, at his home office in San Francisco, Aug. 19, 2011. Federal officials and lawmakers, along with the drug industry and doctors' groups, are rushing to find remedies for critical shortages of drugs to treat a number of life-threatening illnesses, including bacterial infection and several forms of cancer.**

(Annie Tritt/The New York Times)

experimental cures have been delayed because the studies must also offer older medicines that cannot be reliably provided. On Wednesday, Dianne Nomikos, 65, went to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

said through tears. "Without the drug, who knows what's going to happen to me?"

The Obama administration is considering creating a government stockpile of crucial cancer medicines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention already stockpile antibiotics, antidotes and other drugs needed in the event of a terrorist attack or earthquake.

Under one plan, the gov-

ernment would store the dry ingredients for cancer drugs and, in the face of a shortage, distribute them to hospitals, where pharmacists could mix them into injectable compounds.

Dr. Richard Schilsky, a professor of medicine at the University of Chicago, said the number of cancers diagnosed in a year was easy to predict.

"So we ought to be able to make a pretty good estimate of the grams required to treat every patient in the country in any given year," he said.

Legislation proposed in both the House and Senate would give the Food and Drug Administration the power to demand that drug makers give early warnings of possible supply disruptions. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., said the idea behind the bipartisan bill came after she discovered that the drug agency had prevented 38 shortages last year after getting early alerts of problems at drug makers.

"I can't say the drug companies are excited" about the proposed legislation, she said in an interview. "But we need to give the FDA more time."

A group of leading oncologists have started a not-for-profit drug company that they hope will soon be able

to import supplies of some of the missing medicines. The company will eventually manufacture the drugs itself, according to Dr. George Tidmarsh, a pediatric oncologist and biotechnology entrepreneur who will lead it.

"We have a meeting with the FDA next week," Tidmarsh said. "This unfolding tragedy must stop, and right now."

More than half the recent shortages have resulted because government or company inspectors found problems like microbial contamination that can be lethal on injection. Others have occurred because of capacity problems at drug plants or lack of interest because of low profits, according to the FDA.

Doxil, the cancer drug that Nomikos needs, is made by Johnson & Johnson. Monica Neufang, a company spokeswoman, said that "our third-party manufacturer has had some manufacturing issues related to capacity."

Heather Bresch, president of generic drug giant Mylan, says the shortages grow out of a sweeping consolidation of the generic drug industry into a few behemoths that compete only on price and have foreign plants that are rarely inspected. □

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# Relatives of victims in Norway tour island

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OSLO — Relatives of victims killed on the Norwegian island of Utoya last month traveled to the site of the massacre for the first time Friday, and with the aid of the police, clergy members and counselors, were able to walk through their loved ones' last moments.

It was a painful step in the grieving process, compounded by the behavior of the killer, Anders Behring Breivik, who complained Friday at his second court appearance that his detention in solitary confinement amounted to "sadistic torture."

Breivik, an avowed right-wing, anti-immigrant extremist, has admitted to killing 77 people, mostly teenagers, on July 22, first by bombing the government headquarters in Norway's capital, Oslo, and then by attacking a summer youth camp on Utoya.

Under a light drizzle, about 500 relatives wandered the island with candles and flowers, guided by police officers through the forests and rocky shores to the places where their daughters and sons had fallen.

Speaking to Norwegian radio ahead of the trip, Unni Espeland Marcussen, whose 16-year-old daughter, Andrine, was killed on Utoya, said the family needed to see for themselves where their daughter's life had ended.



**Survivors and relatives of those killed in the Utoya shooting massacre on July 22, 2011 visit Utoya island, as seen from Hole, Norway, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011. The confessed killer of 77 people in Norway arrived under heavy police escort at a closed-door court hearing Friday that would decide if he should be kept in isolation, a month after he detonated a bomb and went on a shooting rampage.**

(AP Photo/Scapix Norway, Gorm Kallestad)

"We get to see the place where Andrine was last, the houses she was in, the paths she walked and the place she died," Marcussen said.

As difficult as it was, many welcomed the opportunity to visit the island. Family members have grown frustrated with investigators, whom they have accused of withholding details about the attacks, said John Christian Elden, whose law firm is representing the family members of 90 victims.

"They are interested to know what did my son or daughter do at this time?" Elden said in a

telephone interview from Oslo. "Who did he or she try to protect? How did they get attacked? When did they die? What way did they die?"

In recent days, information has become more readily available, he said. The police released transcripts this week of a phone conversation Breivik held with an emergency dispatcher while on Utoya. Breivik, who in the transcript referred to himself as the commander of something called the Norwegian Anti-Communist Resistance Movement, twice called the police offering to surrender. He

continued his killing for 28 minutes after his last call, according to a copy of the transcripts posted to the website of Norway's VG newspaper.

The police have been accused of being slow to respond to the attack, which continued for about 90 minutes before SWAT commandos could reach the island.

At the hearing Friday, the judge ruled that Breivik would remain in solitary confinement for four more weeks, despite his protests.

"The accused described

his isolation as boring and monotonous, as well as sadistic torture," the judge, Hugo Abelseth, told journalists outside court.

Prosecutors have expressed concern that Breivik could contact possible accomplices if freed from isolation. Though investigators believe he plotted and carried out the attacks alone, they have not ruled out the possibility that he had help.

Breivik had requested permission to wear a dress coat and tails to Friday's hearing — a sign, he said through his lawyer, that he was taking the court seriously. □



**Terror-charged Anders Behring Breivik arrives in the back of a police car at the court in Oslo Friday, Aug. 19, 2011. The confessed killer of 77 people in Norway faced a closed-door hearing to determine if he should be kept in isolation, a month after he detonated a bomb and went on a shooting rampage. Anders Behring Breivik has admitted to killing eight people when he exploded a truck bomb outside government offices in Oslo and then shooting dead 69 people at a youth camp on Utoya island nearby.**

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# Suicide bomber kills 48 in Pakistan mosque



Pakistani villagers collect ball bearings after a suicide bombing at a mosque in Pakistani tribal area of Ghundi on Friday, Aug 19, 2011. A suicide bomber struck worshippers during prayers Friday at a mosque close to the Afghan border, killing 40 people in an attack one official said may have been aimed at anti-Taliban elders praying during the holy month of Ramadan.

(AP Photo/Qazi Rauf)

**RIAZ KHAN**

**Associated Press**

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)**

— A suicide bomber struck worshippers during prayers Friday at a mosque close to the Afghan border, killing 48 people in an attack one official said may have been aimed at anti-Taliban elders praying during the holy month of Ramadan.

Militants have frequently attacked tribesmen who have dared speak up — or raise arms — against them in the border region, where al-Qaida and the Pakistan Taliban have long held sway. Rifts between insurgent factions have also led to mass

casualty attacks there.

Pakistan has lost more than 35,000 people in militant violence since 2007, with mosques, markets and hotels all targeted. But the attack was especially shocking because it came not only on Islam's holiest day of the week, but also its holiest month, when observant Muslims fast during the daytime and spend extra time in prayer and communal activities.

"Whoever did it in the holy month of Ramadan cannot be a Muslim," said Saleem Khan, who said that in the aftermath of the blast people ran over him

to escape the scene. "It is the cruellest thing any Muslim would do," he said from his hospital bed in the main northwestern city of Peshawar, where he was being treated for his injuries.

The mosque is in Ghundi, a village in the Khyber tribal region, a part of Pakistan's tribal belt off limits to foreigners and considered too dangerous for non-local Pakistanis to visit. Much of the non-lethal supplies heading to U.S. forces in Afghanistan pass through it.

As it has in other areas of the border during the last three years, the Pakistani army has carried out several operations against militants in Khyber, but with limited success. It has funded and supported the creation of tribal militias in

some areas, which have also struggled against the brutality of the Taliban.

More than 300 people were at the mosque, local administrator Iqbal Khan said. "All the evidence we have gathered confirms that it is a suicide attack," said Fazal Khan, another local official.

The blast killed 48 people, according to Khalid Mumtaz, a local government official. At least 85 were wounded, Khan said.

TV footage showed prayer caps, shoes and green prayer mats scattered across a blood-splattered floor, while ceiling fans were twisted and walls blackened. Men comforted a young boy who wept as he held his hand to his heart. □

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## 20 killed in Syria despite Assad's pledge to UN

ZEINA KARAM

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian security forces killed at least 20 protesters Friday despite promises by President Bashar Assad that the military operations against the 5-month-old uprising are over. The killings, which came as thousands poured into the streets across Syria, suggest the autocratic leader is either unwilling to stop the violence — or not fully in control of his own regime. Assad, who inherited power from his father in 2000, is facing the most serious international isolation of his rule. On Thursday, the United States and its European allies demanded he step down. Syrian security forces killed at least 20 protesters Friday despite promises by President Bashar Assad that the military operations against the 5-month-old uprising are over.



A supporter of Syrian President Bashar Assad waves his country's flag, as he protests to show his solidarity to his President, in Damascus, Syria, on Friday Aug. 19, 2011. Assad, who inherited power from his father in 2000, is facing the most serious international isolation of his rule. On Thursday, the United States and its European allies demanded he step down. Syrian security forces killed at least 20 protesters Friday despite promises by President Bashar Assad that the military operations against the 5-month-old uprising are over.

(AP Photo/Muzaffar Salman)

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Military operations have subsided in the past few days, following a fresh crackdown on major flashpoint cities that started at the beginning of the month to root out anti-government protesters. But persistent gunfire and shootings, along with Friday's killings, underscore the difficulty of any kind of diplomatic pressure achieving results in the absence of any appetite for military intervention. Human rights groups said Assad's forces have killed nearly 2,000 people since the uprising erupted in mid-March. A high-level U.N. team recommended Thursday that the violence in Syria be referred to the International Criminal Court over possible crimes against humanity. "Bye, bye Bashar, see you in The Hague!" protesters shouted Friday in the central city of Homs as crowds filled the streets, spurred on by

the international condemnation.

ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo said he has received reports of atrocities in Syria but has no jurisdiction "at this stage" to open an investigation because Damascus does not recognize the court. He said he could begin investigating at the request of the U.N. Security Council. Syria's U.N. ambassador said a U.N. humanitarian assessment team will arrive in Damascus on Saturday.

The International Committee of the Red Cross also said it is optimistic Syrian authorities will grant the humanitarian organization access to all detainees in the country "within weeks." The number of protesters Friday appeared to be markedly lower than in previous weeks, largely due to the crackdown and security presence. But amateur video posted online by activists showed thousands of protesters in various areas, some calling for Assad's departure, others for his execution. "We will not sell the blood of our martyrs," read a banner in Hilfaya, near Hama. The unrest has laid bare old resentments in Syria, a mostly Sunni Muslim country with a potentially explosive sectarian mix. Beset by popular upheaval, Assad is increasingly relying on a coterie of relatives from his tiny Alawite sect, leading to speculation about how much power he commands over them.

His younger brother, Maher, is key, believed to be in command of much of the current bloody crackdown.

## Hariri tribunal broadens probe

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

LEIDSCHENDAM, Netherlands (AP) — The U.N.-backed court investigating the 2005 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri has widened its probe to cover three other attacks they believe could be linked, the court announced Friday. The Special Tribunal for Lebanon said it has established jurisdiction over the June 2005 assassination of anti-Syria politician George Hawi. It also will investigate unsuccessful attempts to kill Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Elias Murr a month later and lawmaker Marwan Hamadeh in October 2004. The court released few details of the decisions to widen the scope of its investigation, saying it did not want to compromise its work. It did not release details on why prosecutors believe the three other attacks may be related to Hariri's assassination. The expansion of the case, however, represents a significant escalation in the work of the court that has so far focused solely on the Feb. 14, 2005, suicide bombing that killed Hariri. The tribunal on Wednesday unsealed an indictment accusing four members of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group of involvement in the Hariri assassination. Hezbollah denies involvement and has vowed not to hand over suspects. □

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## No U.S. trip for students from Gaza, Hamas says

FARES AKRAM

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**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip** — The Islamist group that governs Gaza barred a group of students this week from traveling to the United States for a year of study, officials of the group, Hamas, said.

The seven high school students were selected for the

Youth Study and Exchange program sponsored by Amideast, an American non-profit group engaged in international education, training and development activities in the Middle East and North Africa.

The students had won scholarships to attend school in the United States, where

they were to stay with host families.

"A 15-year-old girl cannot spend a year in America without a supervisor," said Mohammed Awad, the Hamas foreign minister, explaining the decision. "We are worried about our sons and daughters."

The Hamas authorities said

they were also "surprised" that Amideast had not contacted them to arrange for the departure of the students. "We will not accept this way of dealing with us," Awad added.

Amideast, like most American organizations, does not deal directly with Hamas, which the State Department classifies as a terrorist organization.

For years, Hamas has criticized Israel and Egypt for imposing a blockade on the Palestinian enclave and restricting the movement of its residents. So the students and their families greeted the Hamas decision with disappointment and bewilderment.

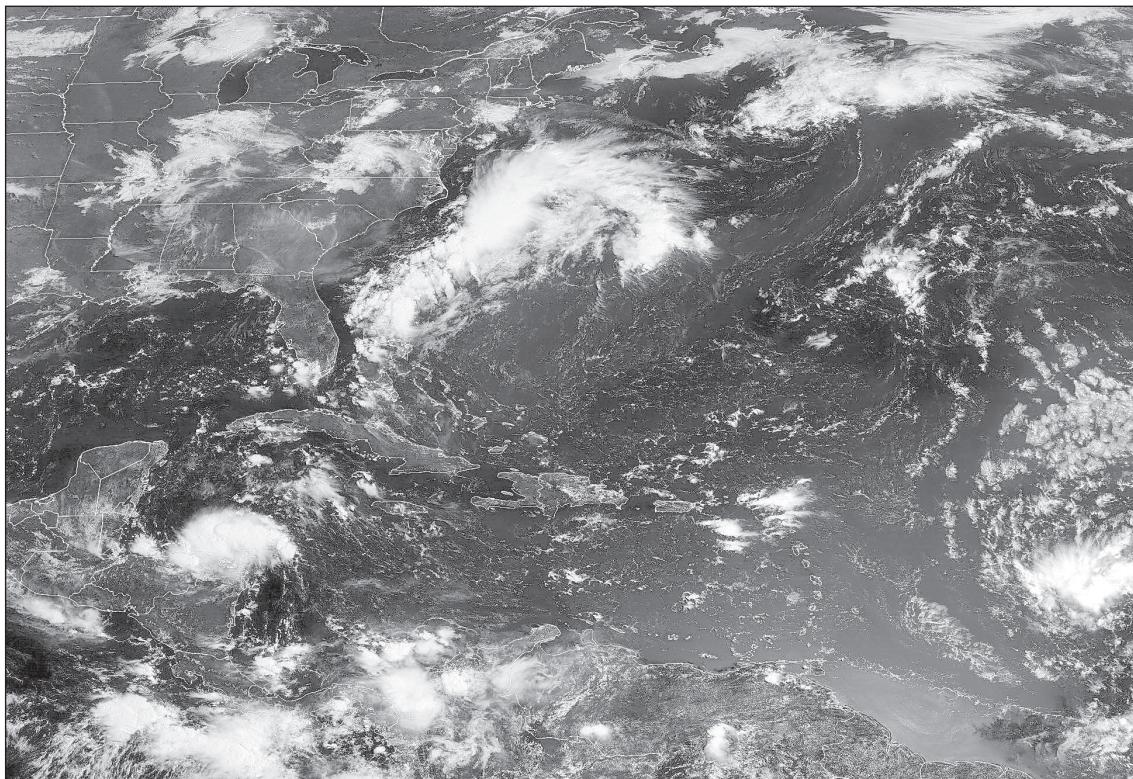
"How can we call on Israel to respect human rights while we do not respect

those rights?" the father of one of the students said. Another student said, "In front of the world, Hamas says we are under siege, but in fact Hamas is also putting us under siege."

They spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid further friction with Hamas.

The Gaza-based Palestinian Center for Human Rights criticized the decision to bar the high school students from traveling, saying it meant that "a number of our best students will be deprived of benefiting from scholarships to study abroad while we are in a dire need to communicate with the outside world, break the isolation and blockade imposed on our people and develop our capacities." □

## Tropical Storm Harvey grows



This NOAA satellite image taken Friday, August 19, 2011 at 10:45 AM EDT shows Tropical Storm Harvey located about 155 miles east of Isla Roatan, Honduras and about 285 miles east-southeast of Belize City. The system has reached category 1 strength with maximum winds up to 40 mph. The system continues moving westward at 10 mph. Meanwhile to the east, another area of low pressure about 900 miles east of the Lesser Antilles has started to organize and has a moderate, 40% chance of tropical cyclone development.

(AP Photo/Weather Underground)

**MIAMI (AP)** — Tropical Storm Harvey has gained strength in the Atlantic Ocean and is threatening to bring high winds and several inches (centimeters) of rain to parts of Central America.

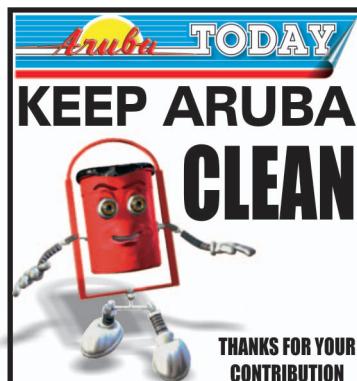
Tropical storm warnings have been issued for the Bay Islands of Honduras, the coast of Belize and parts of the southeastern coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Watches are in effect

for coastal Honduras and Guatemala.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Friday evening that Harvey's maximum sustained winds are near 50 mph (80 kph). The storm was centered about 130 miles (209 kilometers) east of Isla Roatan, Honduras. It was moving west at 9 mph (14 kph).

Meanwhile, far out in the Pacific, Greg has weakened to a tropical storm

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# Your phone may be less secure than you thought

**RON LIEBER**

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For all of the palace intrigue recently about who in Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. kingdom knew what about phone hacking when, one fundamental question about the scandal has gone mostly unanswered:

Just how vulnerable are everyday U.S. residents to similarly determined snoops? The answer is, more than you might think.

AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile do not require cellphone customers to use a password on their voice-mail boxes, and plenty of people never bother to set one up. But if you don't, people using a service colloquially known as caller ID spoofing could disguise their phone as yours and get access to your messages. This is possible because voice-mail systems often grant access to callers who appear to be phoning from their own number.

Meanwhile, as Edgar Dworsky, a consumer advocate who founded ConsumerWorld.org, discovered recently, someone armed with just a bit of personal information about a target can also gain access to the automated phone systems for Bank of America and Chase credit card holders. Once those systems recognize the phone number of the incoming call and those bits of personal information, they offer up the latest on the cardholder's debts, late payments and credit limits. Bank of America's computer will even read off a list of dozens of recent charges, including names of doctors and other businesses the cardholder might have patronized. There are additional steps the mobile-phone companies and the card issuers could take to stop this sort of thing from ever happening. The fact that many of them don't, however, makes this your problem to solve. These sorts of breaches wouldn't happen without spoofing, and surprisingly enough, it's an activity that turns out to be perfectly legal, up to a

point.

Commercial spoofing operations, which began offering services to individuals about seven years ago, are easy to find and cost \$10 or so for 60 minutes

witting recipients of these calls would hand over their Social Security numbers and become identity theft victims.

Another common tactic was the jury duty fraud, in

domestic violence may not want anyone to know where they are calling from. Doctors use it when calling patients from cellphones to keep patients from getting the number

word? "We take the position that customers should have the information and tools available to make the right decision for them," said Mark Siegel, a spokesman.

Dworsky of ConsumerWorld, a former consumer protection lawyer for the state of Massachusetts, read the Globe article and wondered whether some credit card companies' phone systems recognized callers if they were phoning in from a particular number.

He set about testing a number of major credit card issuers' phone systems and found that with a couple of pieces of easily obtainable data — I'm not going to say what exactly — he could obtain access to a person's credit card account information at Chase and Bank of America.

Chase's phone system gives out individual purchase data by category, letting a caller know that there was a \$12 purchase at a drug store. Bank of America's phone system often reads off each transaction along with the name of the merchant, say a specific doctor or website or store.

In my tests and Dworsky's, most spoofing services put through calls placed to banks, though some seemed to have those numbers blocked.

When the calls went through, spoofing services were successful in gaining access to Chase's systems 100 percent of the time. Bank of America blocked calls that we placed from some spoofing services while letting others through. Neither bank seems to allow callers to use these systems in ways that could actually draw on a cardholder's credit — like ordering new cards or requesting cash advances — without asking for more information or speaking to a representative.

Chase and Bank of America could close these holes by asking for a bit more information on the phone — say, the last four digits of a Social Security number. □



**Edgar Dworsky, a consumer advocate who founded ConsumerWorld.org and recently discovered a flaw that lets hackers see your credit card account history at major banks, in Somerville, Mass., Aug 18, 2011. Caller ID spoofing, the way hackers gain access to phone voice mail accounts, can also be used to get someone else's credit card information.**

(Jodi Hilton/The New York Times)



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(Robert Neubecker/The New York Times)

which thieves would program their phones to make it appear that they were calling from a local courthouse. Then they'd tell recipients that they'd missed their jury duty assignment and needed to pay a fine by credit card over the phone to avoid arrest. Once the thieves had the card numbers, they'd go on a spending spree.

Given all of this, it's hard to imagine a legitimate use for caller ID spoofing, but there are at least a few. People who have been victims of

and pestering them later. Parents sometimes use the service as well, if they have children who tend to ignore their calls.

Using spoofing services to listen to someone's voice mail is probably not a legitimate use. That said, mobile-phone voice-mail systems would be more spoof-proof if they required passwords every time a user called in, no matter what phone someone was calling from. Only Verizon Wireless does this, though. After a recent article in The Boston Globe showed how vulnerable voice mail was to spoofing, AT&T Wireless improved its security a bit. While it still lets users choose whether to require a password each time they call their voice mail, the default is to have them use one — the opposite of the previous practice. Sprint is similar to AT&T in this regard, while T-Mobile allows users to require a password every time they call in for voice mail, but doesn't default to that option.

Why didn't AT&T force all customers to use a pass-

# LOCAL

## Aruba TODAY

### Aruban visitors await Curaçao Jazz Festival

**WILLIAMSTAD** - Curaçao is all atremble in anticipation of its second North Sea Jazz Festival, at which world-class performers grace the line-up.

The island is hosting Stevie Wonder, Juan Luis Guerra, Sting, Dionne Warwick, Chucho Valdes, Ruben Blades and Levi Silvana and many others of name and fame, and so many Arubans are expected to flock to their sister island to swing, dance and enjoy the music.

Awambonbiniawaitsthem. Lots of restaurants, beach clubs, cafés and snek truks in Curaçao are starting to feature festival specials; we hereby will just name a few.

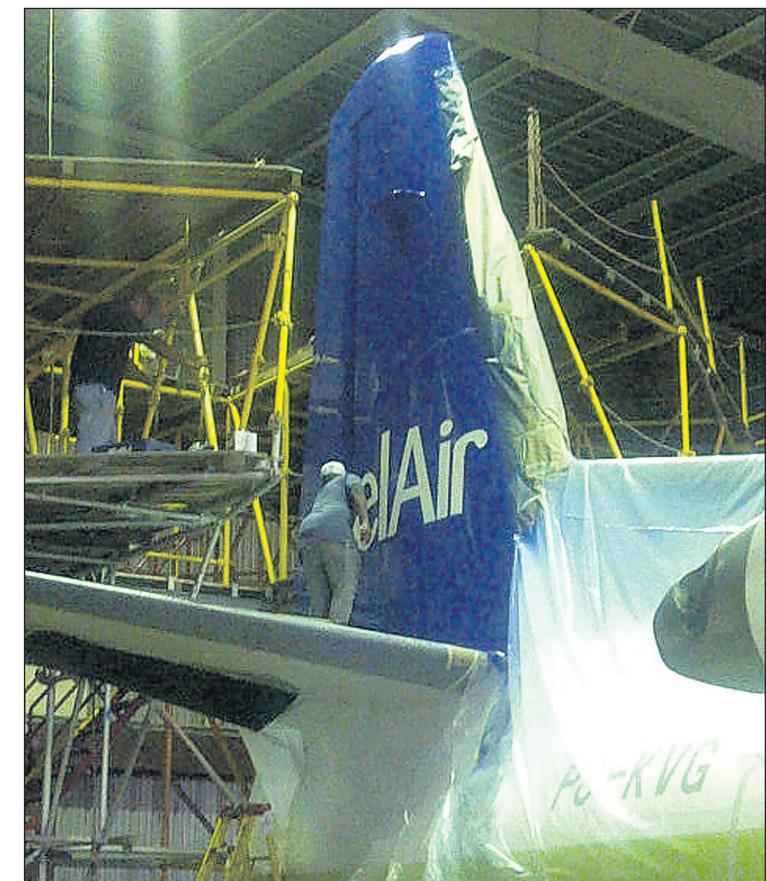
In walking distance of the venue of the festival at the World Trade Center lies Pirate Bay (Hook's Hut) at Piscadera: there visitors will be treated to a two-for-one special on Heineken and Amstel Bright from 3 to 4 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Downtown in Willemstad's Chihuahua Cantina at Rif Fort the fun level rises from 4 to 5 pm, also with the same special on beers to get you in the right festival mood. Historic Rif Fort is adjacent to the Renaissance Resort, where the international stars will be staying, so keep hanging out there and you might catch a glimpse of the performers.

Thus, after the last performances on Friday and Saturday night it is time to head for The Soprano Piano bar, where a live pianist will be on hand to keep the rhythm flowing until 4 am.

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### The first Aruban InselAir Fokker 50 has arrived!



**ORANJESTRAD** – The anxiously awaited InselAir Fokker 50 aircraft arrived in Aruba on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of August full of passengers from Curacao. The Fokker-50, which was acquired from KLM, is branded with the Aruba and InselAir logo. This Fokker50 was a KLM Cityhopper registered as PH-KVG, now PJ-KVG and after re-registration for InselAir will become the P4-KVG. The England division of KLM was responsible for preparing all four Fokker 50 for InselAir that were sent from Norwich to Curacao, after a final inspection done by the engineers of KLM-UK.. The last of four Fokker 50's arrived on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, 2011.

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# Ignacio Peterson – Manchebo's Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011

**ORANJESTAD** - Team members of the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa were recognized by their peers and management for delivering outstanding performances and continuous positive contribution to the success of this intimate beach resort during a celebration at the French Steakhouse.

Nominees were Ana-Maria Paniaqua of the housekeeping department for her commitment to deliver perfectly clean and well-kept rooms; Jean Cruz from Giorgio's - Ristorante Italiano for her great initiatives and attentiveness to the restaurant guests; Denisi Bastos for taking so well care of the flora and fauna of the resort; Ludovico Henriquez for his high motivation and responsibility in the Giorgio's kitchen and Ignacio Peterson – longtime bartender at the Pega-Pega Beach Bar for making the resort guests feel right at home.

Overall winner of the title Employees of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter is Ignacio Peterson also known to our guests as Iggy or Smiley.

Here is what some of the resort guests say about Ignacio on TripAdvisor a popular traveler's review web



site: "Ignacio if you see this - WE MISS YOU!!!! We loved watching the baseball highlights with you as you were closing!" and another reviewer said the following:

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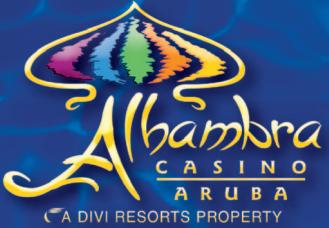
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## Radisson "Yes, I Can" attitude spreads to the environment



**PALM BEACH** – On Friday a group of colleagues from the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa undertook a road-side cleanup on Palm Beach. The group was made up of Accounting, Purchasing and the IT Department members. They met early in the morning and spent over two hours collecting debris and trash between the

Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa and the Sasaki highway. Wearing their Yes I Can! T-shirts, they picked up mostly plastic bottles, cups, and food take-out containers, and returned to their resort with a piled-high pick up. "It is important that we all take ownership of Responsible Business, because WE are the people, community

and environment, and WE are responsible," says the behind-the-scene organizer Glenn Farro, Director of Human Resources. The resort conducts a monthly environmental clean up as part of its commitment to the community of Aruba and in compliance with the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, Sponsor-A-Mile initiative. □



# Nadal, Federer, both, lose in straight sets

Tomas Berdych, from the Czech Republic, returns a serve against Roger Federer, from Switzerland, during a quarterfinal match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011, in Mason, Ohio. Berdych won 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Associated Press  
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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### 'Death penalty' could be option for Uof Miami

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

NCAA President Mark Emmert says he's willing to back up his tough talk on punishing rule-breakers — even using the "death penalty" as a deterrent.

With salacious allegations swirling around Miami's football program, and one week after Emmert joined with university presidents to discuss toughening sanctions against cheating schools, the NCAA's leader said he believed the infractions committee should make the harshest penalty an option.

If the allegations are true, it would be the ugliest scandal in college sports in years and the worst during a 18-month span in which the NCAA has looked into football programs at Southern California, Auburn, Oregon, Ohio State, Michigan, North Carolina, LSU, Tennessee and Georgia Tech and basketball programs at Southern California and Connecticut. Miami makes both lists.

"If, and I say if, we have very unique circumstances where TV bans and death penalties are warranted, then I don't think they are off the table and I would be OK with putting those in place," Emmert told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Friday.

Emmert later said the "death penalty," which prohibits a school from competing in a sport, should only be used in rare cases. He was quick to distance his comments from the Miami case. □

## GAINY MOMENTUM

*Gainey surges three clear at Wyndham; Els lurking*

Tommy Gainey reacts after making a birdie putt on the ninth hole during the second round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.

Associated Press

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# Choi leads LPGA Safeway Classic after 1st round



Na Yeon Choi, of South Korea, looks on after teeing off on the 12th hole at the LPGA Safeway classic golf tournament, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011, in North Plains, Ore.

Associated Press

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

**NORTH PLAINS, Ore. (AP)** —

Na Yeon Choi would like to have the 18th hole at Pumpkin Ridge back. Choi double-bogeyed the par-4 final hole, but her 6-under 65 held up for the first-round lead at the LPGA Safeway Classic on Friday. Choi was a runner-up when Ai Miyazato of Japan won last year's Safeway Classic, besting Cristie Kerr and Choi by two shots on the Ghost Creek course nestled in farmland west of Portland. Choi, winner of last season's Vare Trophy for lowest scoring average, was playing in a group with best friend Song-Hee Kim that teed off early in the day under sunny skies.

"I'd like to go back to the 18th hole, really," Choi said afterward.

Despite stumbling at the

end, Choi birdied seven straight holes to set a personal record.

"So far, so good," she said. Grace Park, who has withdrawn or been cut in 38 of her last 67 tournaments, was two strokes back with a 67, while Se Ri Pak, Anna Nordqvist, M.J. Hur and Ashli Bunch all shot 68s as golfers with later tee times struggled against brisk afternoon breezes.

Park has been beset by injuries over the past six years, from her neck to her back to her hip. She had back surgery one year ago, and the year before that, hip surgery. "In the past that was my excuse and that was the truth," Park said. "But right now I'm healthy as I've been in 10 years. And yeah, knock on wood."

Park has entered nine events this year, but she

has not made the cut in six of them, including her last two, the Evian Masters and the Women's British Open. Miyazato is again in the 150-player field for the tournament's 40th anniversary in the Portland area. So is world No. 1 Yani Tseng, who won this year's British Open for her fifth career major. Miyazato shot a 70 Friday and Tseng opened with a 72.

Kerr, third-ranked in the world, won the Safeway Classic in 2008 when it was still at Columbia Edgewater Country Club near Portland International Airport. She shot a 73 in the opening round. Michele Redman, who in 2009 tied for second in the Safeway Classic, is playing her last Tour event this weekend before taking over as the women's golf coach at the University of Minnesota. She had a 79. □

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## Gainey takes 3-shot lead at Wyndham Championship

By JOEDY McCREARY

AP Sports Writer

**GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)** —

Tommy Gainey is struggling with his tee shots. He's having a tough time with his irons. He's fighting a nagging wrist injury.

And he's got one of the best two-round scores in Wyndham Championship history. Gainey shot a 65 on Friday to move to 12-under 128 and take a three-stroke lead after two rounds of the final event before the start of golf's postseason.

Gainey, who shared the first-round lead with Jeff Quinney, had six birdies and has the second-best 36-hole score in the history of the tournament.

Ernie Els (66), Webb Simpson (65), Stuart Appleby (67) and Daniel Summerhays (65) were at 131. Jim Furyk (67), Alexandre Rocha (66), Paul Casey (67) and Retief Goosen (65) were four strokes back at 132.

After recording five birdies and an eagle a day earlier during his career-best-tying 63, Gainey said he was "going to light it up" against the fresh greens he would face Friday morning.

It didn't happen quite like that, but he did turn in another solid round that kept him in contention for his first PGA Tour win.

Starting on the back nine, the South Carolina native had his first bogey of the tournament on the par-4 No. 11.

Then, he warmed up. He birdied four of his final nine holes and closed his round with consecutive birdies, rolling in a 13-foot putt on No. 9 to finish.

A left wrist he sprained while hitting out of the rough last month at the RBC Canadian Open has made it tougher to keep his tee shots in the fairways and hampered his work with the irons. "I hit it worse today than I did yesterday off the tee. I hit my irons worse than I did yesterday," Gainey said. "It's just hard to make birdies when you keep putting yourself ... in the rough. ... The harder you swing at it to get it out, just the more shock that goes into the wrist."

Still, only Carl Pettersson's 125 in 2008 was better than Gainey's score through 36 holes at the Donald Ross-designed, par-70 Sedgefield Country Club course. "I haven't really accomplished anything in two days," Gainey said. "The only thing I've accomplished is, I've set myself up in good shape going into the weekend."

But, still, there's a lot that

can happen in one day ... but two days, that's like an eternity in a golf tournament. I'm trying to do the same thing I did these first two days tomorrow."

Will MacKenzie began the day four strokes off the pace, but moved up the leaderboard with eagles on both of the course's par 5s, Nos. 5 and 15, during his 65. The one-time prodigy from Greenville, N.C., is trying to reclaim his PGA Tour card after losing it last year, and the Wyndham represents one of his last chances to do that.

"For me to get my Tour card back some possible way, through (the) Nationwide Tour or just have a freak week, obviously I'm going to have to have a humongous week," MacKenzie said.

"I can't be that top-25 guy and string it together. I've only got here and maybe another event, if I'm lucky, so I'm going to have to win or come in second."

Quinney, who has conditional status on the Tour, is facing a similarly desperate situation, playing for both his card and a spot in the FedEx Cup playoffs. He arrived at No. 215 in the standings and needed a high finish to crack the top 125 and make the playoffs,



Ernie Els, of South Africa, watches his second shot on the 18th hole during the second round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.

but he slipped off the pace after his triple bogey on the par-4 11th.

Numerous others are playing for their more immediate futures.

The field is littered with players trying to play their way off the bubble and into golf's postseason, which begins next week at The Barclays in New Jersey.

Among those who made it to the weekend: Padraig Harrington, No. 130 on the points list, birdied two of the final four holes of his 68 to make the cut of 3 under. No. 121 Heath Slocum and No. 125 Camilo Villegas each shot 64s, with

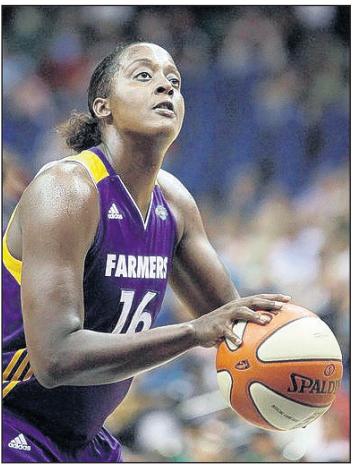
Slocum's round highlighted by separate streaks of three and four birdies.

"Look at the order of names, everybody around me seems to be in the same position with me," Harrington said.

"Obviously, I'm going to (need to) have a good weekend in order to get through."

Els, at No. 126, charged up the leaderboard with three birdies in a late five-hole span.

"I've got quite a large goal for me this week, and you know, I'm feeling like, fine, my game is turning around a little bit," Els said. □



**Los Angeles Sparks forward Ebony Hoffman shoots a free throw against the Minnesota Lynx in the second half of a WNBA basketball game Tuesday, July 26, 2011, in Minneapolis. Hoffman scored 24 points, but the Lynx won 85-72.**

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## WNBA Roundup

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Los Angeles' Ebony Hoffman scored 21 points against her former Indiana teammates to lead the Sparks to a 75-70 win over the Fever in the WNBA on Thursday. Candace Parker added

# Hoffman leads Sparks over Fever

18 points for Los Angeles, which held Indiana to just four points over the final 4:57. Tamika Catchings and Erin Phillips each had 16 points for the Eastern Conference-leading Fever, who missed a chance to extend their 1-1/2 game lead over Connecticut.

### Liberty 84, Sun 81, OT

In Newark, Cappie Pondexter hit a jump shot with 24.3 seconds left in overtime to give New York victory over Connecticut.

Down by 15 points after the third quarter, the Liberty (15-11) limited the Sun to seven points in the fourth quarter and seven more in overtime to win their third straight game.

Pondexter, who finished with 27 points, hit an off-balance 3-pointer to give the Liberty a 74-71 lead with 50.6 seconds left, but Kara Lawson countered with a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left to force overtime.

Essence Carson scored 19 points for the Liberty, including two free throws with 6 seconds left to seal the win.

Tina Charles had 29 points and 13 rebounds for the Sun.

### Lynx 81, Mystics 62

In Washington, Minnesota bounced back from its worse loss of the season by

beating Washington. The Western Conference leaders suffered a surprising 29-point loss to Connecticut on Tuesday, but answered in impressive fashion to notch their 12th win in 14 games.

Seimone Augustus scored 18 points and Maya Moore added 14 for the Lynx, who shot 57.1 percent (36 for 63)

from the field — matching their season high.

Matee Ajavon scored 15 points for the Mystics, who had their biggest losing margin of the season and lost their third straight.

**In other WNBA games New York 84, Connecticut 81, OT; Minnesota 81, Washington 62; and Los Angeles 75, Indiana 70. □**

## Van Koeverden wins in 1,000-meter kayak

### SZEGED, Hungary (AP) —

Adam Van Koeverden of Canada won the men's 1,000-meter single kayak event Friday at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

The three-time world runner-up finished in 3 minutes, 36.194 seconds, more than three seconds ahead of Anders Gustafsson of Sweden.

Eirik Veraas Larsen of Norway was third.

Max Hoff of Germany, who had been going for his third world title in a row, finished fourth.

Another upset came in the men's 1,000 single canoe where defending champion Uzbek Vadim Menkov finished only third behind Olympic champion Attila Vajda of Hungary and David Cal of Spain, the 2004 Olympic champion.

In the men's 1,000 K2, the German duo of Martin Holl-

stein and Andreas Ihle also missed out on defending their title won in Poznan, Poland last year, finishing only fifth this time. The event was won by Slovakia ahead of Sweden and Russia.

Katalin Kovacs won her 30th world title as a member of the Hungarian women's K4 that defended its title, and Hungary enjoyed more success in the women's 1,000 K1 race. □

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## Nadal, Federer bounced in Cincinnati quarterfinals

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**MASON, Ohio (AP)** — A weary Rafael Nadal and an off-target Roger Federer were knocked out of the quarterfinals of the Western & Southern Open on Friday. Playing a day after he spent five hours on court, Nadal faded in a 6-3, 6-4 loss to American Mardy Fish, who had never beaten the second-ranked Spaniard. Later, the third-seeded Federer struggled with his groundstrokes during a 6-2, 7-6 (3) loss to Tomas Berdych, who has won three of their last four matchups. In the wide-open women's tournament, second-seeded Vera Zvonareva and No. 4 Maria Sharapova advanced in straight sets. The men's event finally got its first big upsets.

A worn-out Nadal simply couldn't keep up. Fish reached the tournament's semifinals for the second straight year — he lost to Federer in the championship match in 2010.

"It was a great opportunity for me, catching him in a place where he maybe was not as confident as in his previous matches or tournaments," said Fish, who counted it among his top five career wins.

Nadal's tired legs and burned fingertips had something to do with it.

A day earlier, the 25-year-old Spaniard needed three tiebreakers and 3 hours, 38 minutes to beat Fernando Verdasco. That was fol-

lowed by a 70-minute doubles match. He ended the day with blisters on his left foot.

Plus, his right hand was bothering him — he burned the tips of his index and middle fingers on a hot plate at a restaurant before the tournament began and had to play with them heavily bandaged.

"I didn't play well here, especially," Nadal said. "A little bit unlucky week for me with the burned fingers and the very long match yesterday."

Fish knew everything was on his side this time in the lopsided rivalry — he'd never come close to beating Nadal in their six previous matches, winning a total of two sets. He kept the ball in play, moved Nadal around the court and waited for his running-on-fumes opponent to make a mistake. "I really felt I could win, maybe should win in that scenario," Fish said.

Fish is the highest-ranked American on the tour at No. 7. He's the only one who hasn't lost his serve here, overcoming four break points against Nadal.

Fish will play fourth-seeded Andy Murray, who advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 win over 10th-seeded Gilles Simon of France. Murray, the 2008 champion, has beaten Simon in seven consecutive matches.

Federer had trouble with his groundstrokes and never had a chance to break

Berdych's serve. The Swiss star had an uncharacteristic 29 unforced errors and hit three forehands wide during the tiebreaker. Twice during the second set, Berdych got the side of his right shoulder rubbed by a trainer. He kept going and closed it out, then dropped out of his doubles match scheduled for later in the day because of the shoulder problem.

It was the first time this year he'd beaten such a highly ranked player. He also beat Federer in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in 2010.

In the injury-depleted women's tournament, the



Mardy Fish celebrates after he defeated Rafael Nadal, from Spain, 6-3, 6-4, in a quarterfinal match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011 in Mason, Ohio.

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fourth-seeded Sharapova advanced easily with a 6-3, 6-2 win over 10th-seeded Samantha Stosur. Sharapova, who lost in last

year's final to Kim Clijsters, won a challenge on match point to improve to 3-0 this year and 9-0 in her career against Stosur. □

## Clijsters out of U.S. Open with stomach injury

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Two-time defending U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters withdrew from the tournament Friday because of a stomach muscle injury.

Clijsters, who missed Wimbledon with an ankle injury, pulled out of a tournament in Toronto this month with a muscle strain on the left side of her stomach. In a statement Friday, she said "two weeks of rehab is not enough to heal this injury." "Obviously I'm very disappointed," she said. "I trained very hard this summer and felt in a good shape to play the U.S. Open."

The third-ranked Clijsters said she also would pull out

of tournaments in Japan and China in September. Her absence leaves Serena and Venus Williams and Maria Sharapova as the headliners on the women's side of the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 29. Serena won in Toronto but pulled out of this week's event in Cincinnati with a toe injury.

Clijsters won the U.S. Open in 2009 — an unexpected run through the year's final major after a two-year break during which she had a baby girl. She became the first unseeded woman to win the U.S. Open and the first mom to win a major since Evonne Goolagong Cawley won Wimbledon in 1980. Last year, Clijsters re-



This Sept. 10, 2010, file photo shows Kim Clijsters of Belgium celebrating after beating Venus Williams in the semifinal round of play at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, in New York. Clijsters will not go for three in a row this year because of a stomach muscle injury.

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peated at Flushing Meadows. She won the Australian Open this year for her fourth Grand Slam title. □

# Popular antibacterial chemical raises safety issues

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The maker of Dial Complete hand soap says that it kills more germs than any other brand. But is it safe? That question has federal regulators, consumer advocates and soap manufacturers locked in a battle over the active ingredient in Dial Complete and many other antibacterial soaps, a chemical known as triclosan.

The Food and Drug Administration is reviewing the safety of the chemical, which was created more than 40 years ago as a surgical scrub for hospitals. Triclosan is now in a range of consumer products, including soaps, kitchen cutting boards and even a best-selling toothpaste, Colgate Total. It is so prevalent that a survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found the chemical present in the urine of 75 percent of Americans over the age of 5.

Several studies have shown that triclosan may alter hormone regulation in laboratory animals or cause antibiotic resistance, and some consumer groups and members of Congress want it banned in antiseptic products like hand soap. The FDA has already said that soap with triclosan is no more effective than washing with ordinary soap and water, a finding that manufacturers dispute.

The FDA was to announce the results of its review several months ago, but now says the timing is uncertain and unlikely until next year. The Environmental Protection Agency is also looking into the safety of triclosan. The outcome of the federal inquiries poses a significant risk to the makers of antimicrobial and antibacterial hand soaps, which represent about half of the \$750 million market for liquid hand soaps in the United States, according to the market research firm Kline & Co.

Many of those soaps use triclosan as the active in-

gredient and say so on the label. Dial Complete is the fifth-best-selling liquid hand soap in the nation, according to data collected from most major stores (except for Wal-Mart) by SymphonyIRI Group, a Chicago-based market research firm.

Richard Theiler, senior vice president for research and

hand soap has been reformulated without the chemical.

Colgate, however, continues to use triclosan in its Colgate Total toothpaste because it has been proved to fight gingivitis, a claim approved by the FDA.

"The safety and efficacy of Colgate Total toothpaste



An undated photo of household goods that contain triclosan, from left, Prevail, Dial Complete, Softsoap, and Colgate Total in the foreground. Several studies have shown that triclosan may alter hormone regulation in laboratory animals or cause antibiotic resistance, and some consumer groups and members of Congress want it banned in antiseptic products like hand soap.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

development at Henkel, the German-based manufacturer of Dial Complete, said there was no real evidence showing that triclosan was dangerous for humans.

He also said that several recent studies had proved the effectiveness of triclosan in killing germs, and that those studies had been submitted to the federal regulators.

"It has been used now in products safely for decades," Theiler said.

But as consumer groups have campaigned against triclosan, some consumer product manufacturers have removed it and substituted less controversial ingredients.

Reckitt Benckiser removed triclosan from three face washes, for instance. And citing "changing consumer preferences," Colgate-Palmolive replaced triclosan with lactic acid in Palmolive Antibacterial Dish Liquid, and its Softsoap liquid

is fully supported by over 70 clinical studies in over 10,000 patients," the company said in a statement. Scientists have raised concerns about triclosan for decades.

Last year, Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., pressured the FDA to write regulations for antiseptic products like hand soap, including the use of triclosan. The process of creating regulations was started more than three decades ago, but has been repeatedly delayed. In the meantime, Markey has called for a ban on triclosan in hand soaps, in products that come in contact with food and in products marketed to children. The concern is based on recent studies about the possible health impacts of triclosan, which the FDA said, in a Feb. 23, 2010, letter to Markey, "raise valid concerns about the effect of repetitive daily human exposure to these antiseptic ingredients." □

# School physicals can be learning moments

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When my kids were young we used to exchange little chuckles at their checkups when Dr. Mike asked: "Who is your best friend?"

At the ages of 21 and 24 it's now fun to try and remember who the favored ones were. That screening question was his subtle way of assessing their socialization and behavioral development.

If you haven't already, it might be time to schedule the back to school physical. Your district will have specific guidelines as to the requirements for when this is mandatory. They will also need proof of up-to-date immunizations before your child can enter certain grades.

Schedule a "well visit" rather than hoping for a full evaluation when your child is in for a sick call. Setting aside time for a general health assessment will allow the doctor to thoroughly assess both physical and psycho-social development and answer questions you or your child might have. Check your health insurance coverage for well visits.

The American Academy of Pediatrics emphasizes "the great importance of continuity of care in comprehensive health supervision and the need to avoid fragmentation of care". They recommend a physical at ages 5, 6, 8, 10 and then yearly through age 21. The physical aspect of the exam should include assessment of spinal alignment to rule out scoliosis, a check of eyes, ears, nose, skin, mouth, fine and gross motor development, height, weight, blood pressure, heart rate, and reflexes. Children deemed at risk for lead poisoning or tuberculosis may be screened.

Ensure immunizations are up to date (tetanus boosters around 11 or 12, Hepatitis B series) and ask for a copy of the record so that you will have it when your school requests it. Sexually

active teenagers should have checks for sexually transmitted diseases and females should have a pelvic exam.

Kids who are overweight or with a family history may have their cholesterol checked. The childhood obesity issue has become such an epidemic that most pediatricians will discuss diet and healthy exercise options. Besides monitoring heart and blood pressure your child may be tested for diabetes.

The psychological/behavioral aspect of the exam will be based on age. The doctor should review school performance including achievements or difficulties and explore friendships and socialization. Injury prevention such as wearing helmets or not touching firearms stored in the home and making wise health decisions regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco will be broached as each year goes on. Older children should be prepared for changes that begin at puberty.

As the summer begins to wind down, Mom's Rx is to add "schedule checkups" to your to-do list for back to school:

— Prepare a list of questions or concerns to discuss with the pediatrician.

— Remind your doctor if your child is home schooled so that screenings for vision or hearing problems will be included in the visit.

— Request age appropriate nutrition counseling if there is a family history of heart disease, diabetes or obesity issues.

— Don't forget to bring your school's required physical forms as you will probably have to leave them to be filled out. By maintaining a regular schedule of well visits your child will hopefully develop a trusting relationship with their pediatrician. This will enhance continuity of care and the doctor will be able to assess conditions more readily since they will have a well-established baseline. □

# Texting, grand theft auto style; alarms pose risk

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Texting and driving don't go well together — though not in the way you might think.

Computer hackers can force some cars to unlock their doors and start their engines without a key by sending specially crafted messages to a car's anti-theft system. They can also snoop at where you've been by tapping the car's GPS system.

That is possible because car alarms, GPS systems and other devices are increasingly connected to cellular telephone networks and thus can receive commands through text messaging. That capability allows owners to change settings on devices remotely, but it also gives hackers a way in.

Researchers from iSEC Partners recently demonstrated such an attack on a Subaru Outback equipped with a vulnerable alarm system, which wasn't identified. With a laptop perched on the hood, they sent the Subaru's alarm system commands to unlock the doors and start the engine. Their findings show that text messaging is no longer limited to short notes telling friends you're running late or asking if they're free for dinner.

Texts are a powerful means of attack because the devices that receive them generally cannot refuse texts and the commands encoded in them. Users can't block texts; only operators of the phone networks can.

These devices are assigned phone numbers just like fax machines. So if you can find the secret phone number attached to a particular device, you can throw it off by sending your own commands through text messaging.

Although these numbers are only supposed to be known by the devices' operators, they aren't impossible to find. Certain network-administration programs allow technicians to probe networks to see what kinds

of devices are on them. Based on the format of the responses, the type and even model of the device can be deduced. Hackers can use that information to craft attacks against devices they know are vulnerable. (In this case, the researchers bypassed these steps and simply took the alarm system out of the car to identify the secret phone number.)

Actually stealing a car wouldn't be so easy. You'd have to ensure that the phone number you found is attached to the car you're standing in front of, for instance. There are hacking tools to do that — they listen for cellular traffic around a particular vehicle — but in many cases it's easier to take a car that doesn't have an alarm.

The research from Don Bailey and Mat Solnik is unsettling because it shows that such attacks are possible on a variety of other devices that use wireless communications chips. Those include ATMs, medical devices and even traffic lights. Hackers have already sent specially crafted texts with commands to instantly disconnect iPhones from the cellular network.

Bailey, whose specialty is cellphone network security, also found that similar techniques can be used to get a certain type of GPS system to cough up its location data. Such information can be used by stalkers or home burglars, for instance.

The type of GPS system he studied is known as assisted GPS, which means that it uses cellular signals in addition to the usual satellite signals. That makes the system vulnerable.

The research isn't just about taking off with someone else's car or finding out where that person has been.

It raises the possibility of other, more sinister dangers, such as those potentially affecting braking and acceleration, said Scott Borg, director of the U.S. Cyber Consequences Unit, a group that studies hacking threats. □



In this photo taken Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, security consultants Don Bailey, left, and Mathew Solnik, right, with iSEC Partners, demonstrate with a computer how they force cars with certain alarm systems to unlock their doors and start their engines by sending them text messages in San Francisco.

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## German privacy watchdog dislikes Facebook's "Like"

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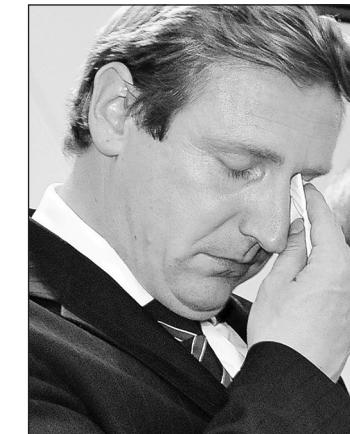
BERLIN (AP) — A German data protection authority is "unliking" Facebook's "Like" button.

The state of Schleswig-Holstein's data protection commissioner, Thilo Weichert, on Friday ordered state institutions to shut down the fan pages on the social networking site and remove the "Like" button from their websites, saying it leads to profiling that violates German and European law.

Facebook insisted Friday that it is in full compliance with European data protection laws.

On Friday, Weichert issued a statement saying technical analysis by his office shows the Palo Alto, California-based Facebook violated German and European data protection laws by passing content data to the social network's servers in the U.S.

"Whoever visits facebook.com or uses a plug-in must expect that he or she will be tracked by the company for two years," Weichert



In this Aug. 14, 2011 file photo head of the German Christian Democrats of Schleswig-Holstein Christian von Boetticher wipes tears after announcing he would step down after having an affair with a 16-year-old he met over the social networking site facebook, in Kiel northern Germany.

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said. "Facebook builds a broad individual and for members even a personalized profile."

A Facebook spokesman conceded that the company can see "information such as the IP address" of users who visit a site with a "Like" button.

"We delete this technical data within 90 days," said the spokesman, who did

not give his name in keeping with company policy. "That is in keeping with normal industry standards."

Weichert's office ordered website owners in Schleswig-Holstein to "immediately stop the passing on of user data to Facebook in the USA by deactivating the respective services" and threatened to take legal action if they fail to comply.

He also urged Internet users in general to "keep their fingers from clicking on social plug-ins" and "not set up a Facebook account" to avoid being profiled.

The keepers of Germany's strict privacy laws have repeatedly clashed on issues of privacy with international Internet giants, such as Facebook and Google — often with success.

Last year Google allowed Germans who opposed its Street View mapping system to blur images of their homes, while Facebook in January granted members more control over their email address books, after a dispute over its "Friend Finder" service. □

# Gold hits a new high as Wall Street swings wildly

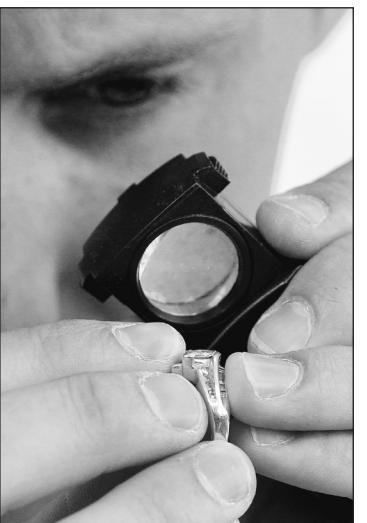
**TALI ARBEL**

**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investors flocked to gold Friday, sending it to the latest of a series of records, as fears about recession in the world's major economies infected financial markets. The metal soared as high as \$1,881.40 an ounce. It's been on a tear this summer, rising more than 15 percent in August alone. In the same three weeks, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index has fallen about 12 percent.

Gold logged its biggest weekly gain since February 2009, according to FactSet data. As an investment, the metal has climbed because of investors' concern about the uncertain state of the global economy, diving stock markets and moves by central banks around the world to weaken their currencies.

Central banks in developing countries are also swapping out major currencies for gold in their reserves, driving up demand



In this July 27, 2011 file photo, a clerk takes a close look at a gold and diamond ring that a customer brought in to sell at a coin shop, in Seattle.

Associated Press

for the metal.

At this point, analysts say more than fear is driving gold higher. The simple fact that it has kept rising in an otherwise turbulent market is part of the metal's appeal. The recent surge "lacks a lot of explanation," said Jon Nadler, an analyst for Kitco Bullion Dealers, and that, to him, signals

danger of a deep reversal as it approaches \$2,000 an ounce.

But analysts have been predicting a top in the market for months only to see gold's climb accelerate.

The last time gold was worth less than \$1,000 an ounce was October 2009. It gained steadily from there, and then burst higher this summer, crossing \$1,600 an ounce for the first time in mid-July; three weeks later it was worth more than \$1,700 an ounce, and 10 days later, it passed \$1,800 an ounce. Gold for December delivery, the most actively traded contract, settled up \$30.20, or 1.6 percent, at \$1,852.20 an ounce. Still, these record highs remain below gold's 1980 peak of \$850 when adjusted for inflation; that equals about \$2,400 in today's dollars.

That record could be knocked out if investors keep betting that gold will protect them if the U.S. and Europe fall back into recession, which could sink stock prices.

Several major banks and economists have recently sounded warnings on the risk of a new downturn.

Morgan Stanley on Thursday cut its global economic growth forecast for this year and next, saying the U.S. and the 17 countries that use the euro were "hovering dangerously close to a recession."

JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup followed suit on Friday.

JPMorgan Chase cut its forecast steeply for growth in the U.S., the world's biggest economy, to a measly 1 percent in the last three months of the year from an already weak 2.5 percent.

"The risks of a recession are clearly elevated," said JPMorgan economist Michael Feroli.

Citi thinks weak growth will last a long time. It expects the U.S. economy to grow a tepid 2.1 percent next year, not nearly enough to add the jobs needed to reduce unemployment.

So what would \$2,000

an ounce gold mean for shoppers? Gold is used in industrial products and mainstream consumer goods. With every fresh high, consumers will have to pay more for everything from engagement rings to crowns for their teeth.

Big U.S. jewelry chains already raised prices this summer, citing the rising costs of gold and diamonds.

The surge in gold is causing "major problems" for jewelry sellers, Kitco's Nadler said. Stores are asking designers to make different kinds of pieces that use less gold, swapping in steel or palladium.

And the surge in gold is affecting gold-producing countries, even minor exporters.

Police in Guyana said Friday that the surge had triggered killings, robberies and other crimes across the South American country. Venezuela said earlier this week that it was nationalizing its gold industry and bringing home its \$11 billion in gold reserves. □

# Stocks fall as traders worry over weekend

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**DAVID K. RANDALL**

**AP Business Writers**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A growing belief that the U.S. economy may be headed toward recession gave the stock market its fourth straight week of losses.

The anxiety in the market was obvious Friday as the major indexes went from moderate gains early in the day to another sharp loss. The Dow Jones industrial average had its 10th move of more than 100 points in 15 trading days this month. "We just don't know whether we're going to have a recession," said John Burke, head of Burke Financial Strategies.

There was little news to help investors determine their next moves. However, JPMorgan Chase & Co. joined other financial firms and cut its forecast for economic growth during the fourth quarter. It's now predicting growth at annual rate of

just 1 percent, down from an earlier forecast of 2.5 percent. That added to the recession fears.

Investors disliked the news late Thursday that Hewlett-Packard Co. is planning to exit most of its consumer businesses, including PCs. HP fell 20 percent to a six-year low. HP plans to transform itself into a company that caters to corporations. After the market rose early, some investors sold in case bad news comes out of Europe over the weekend. European investors were also cautious — banking stocks fell near two-and-a-half-year lows, dragged down by rumors about banks' potential losses on bonds issued by heavily indebted governments.

"These things usually break out over the weekend and then you have a mad dash Monday to react to them," said Mike McGervey, the head of McGervey Wealth Management.



A specialist works at his on the floor of post the New York Stock Exchange, Friday Aug. 19, 2011.

Associated Press

The drop late in the day recalled the 2008 financial crisis. Then, many investors stepped up their selling in the afternoon out of fears about news that might break overnight — or on weekends. Lehman Brothers failed on Sunday, Sept. 15. The government took over mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac the previous weekend. The Dow lost 172.93, or 1.6 percent, and closed at 10,817.65. It was down 4 percent for the week. Since July 21 — four weeks and one day — the Dow is down 15 percent.

Companies that rely on an expanding economy for higher revenue fell. Caterpillar Inc., International Business Machines and Alcoa Inc. each fell more than 2 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index fell 17.12, or 1.5 percent, to 1,123.53. It was down 4.7 percent for the week. All 10 industry groups that make up the index fell. The Nasdaq composite fell 38.59, or 1.6 percent, to 2,341.84. It was down 6.6 percent for the week. Although stocks fell, investors did not continue pushing the price of Treasurys, as they have the last three weeks. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note was almost unchanged at 2.07 percent, compared with late Thursday's 2.06 percent. It had been up to 2.11 percent earlier in the day. The yield fell below 2 percent Thursday for the first time as heavy demand sent its price sharply higher. □

# BofA layoffs are the latest as an industry shrinks

CHRISTINA REXRODE

AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Bank of America Corp. is cutting 3,500 jobs, the latest sign that the banking industry is becoming smaller, simpler and less profitable.

It's quite a transformation from the go-go days of five or six years ago. Then, big banks were reaping outsized profits from large bets on risky trading and complicated investments that eventually backfired, fueling the financial crisis that scorched them and the global economy in 2008.

The cuts confirmed Friday by Bank of America follow layoffs announced this summer at Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Bank of New York Mellon Corp., State Street Corp. and other financial institutions.

And though banks also laid off thousands of workers in 2008 and 2009, analysts say it's different this time: Many of the banks are posting profits right now, so their layoffs indicate permanent structural changes rather than temporary cuts in response to a weak economy.

Steven Mann, chairman of the finance department at the University of South Car-



In this July 13, 2010 file photo, Bank of America's headquarters are shown in Charlotte, N.C. Bank of America Corp. is cutting 3,500 employees this quarter and working on restructuring plans that will ax several thousand more jobs, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times reported citing people familiar with the situation.

olina's Moore School of Business, said he's hearing from MBA grads who have been job-searching for months and haven't found anything. "From 2002 to 2007, pretty much everybody who could walk and talk could get a job," Mann said. "But those days are gone."

Banks are hiring in some ar-

eas. For example, some are adding workers to wade through troubled mortgages and offer new loan terms to struggling borrowers. Some are adding financial advisers to prepare for the wave of retiring baby boomers.

And some bankers are finding jobs outside the big-name banks and taking

2008, according to data compiled by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The average salary in the finance and insurance industry was \$84,516 last year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Though that's far higher than the overall private-sector average of \$46,451, the finance salaries are shrinking while other salaries are growing. The average salary in finance and insurance fell \$436 from 2007 to 2010, not adjusted for inflation. The average salary in all private-sector jobs rose \$2,089.

Nancy Bush, contributing editor at SNL Financial, said she expects more bank layoffs will come as the industry transforms under strict new regulations, including limits on practices that had previously been big sources of revenue, such as charging merchants when customers paid via debit card. Low interest rates that keep them from charging borrowers higher rates are also weighing on banks' profits. "There are big employment issues in the financial industry that are going to hit us in the next few years," Bush said. "It's like the build-out of the defense industry." □

## Burger King retires mascot "The King"

By SARAH SKIDMORE

AP Food Industry Writer

**PORTRLAND, Ore. (AP)** — The King is dead, but the burger lives on.

Burger King Corp. on Friday said it is retiring "The King" mascot, a man with an oversized plastic head and creepy smile who in recent years has been shown in ads peeping into people's windows and popping up next to them in bed.

The move is an effort by the struggling fast food chain to boost slumping sales by focusing its marketing on the freshness of its food rather than the funny-factor of its ads. It's rolling out a new campaign on Saturday sans The King to tout its fresh ingredients and new products like its California Whopper, which has guacamole.

"We won't be seeing The

King for a while," Burger King spokesman BJ Monzon said Friday.

The new focus is a departure for Burger King, which long has targeted its ads to male teens who like to chomp its chargrilled burgers and gulp its milkshakes. The economic downturn has battered its core customer — young males have been particularly hard hit by unemployment — and Burger King is looking to boost declining sales by appealing to the mothers, families and others that rivals like McDonald's Corp. have successfully courted. "I think it's great they are doing something as opposed to just withering away," said Joel Cohen a restaurant marketing consultant. "They are taking an approach that is like not that much different from

what McDonald's is doing and growing up."

The new focus comes as Burger King attempts to regain its edge. While competitors have grown by updating their offerings, Burger King largely stuck to its menu of burgers and fries. McDonald's, for instance, has worked to portray itself as a healthier, hip place to eat, offering wireless access in restaurants, updating decor and introducing smoothies, oatmeal and yogurt parfaits. And Subway has grown quickly by emphasizing fresh, quick and affordable food. Burger King also has faced competition from other burger chains, like Sonic, Carl's Jr. and Five Guys Burgers and Fries. As a result, Burger King, which was once in a neck-and-neck competition with McDonald's, has

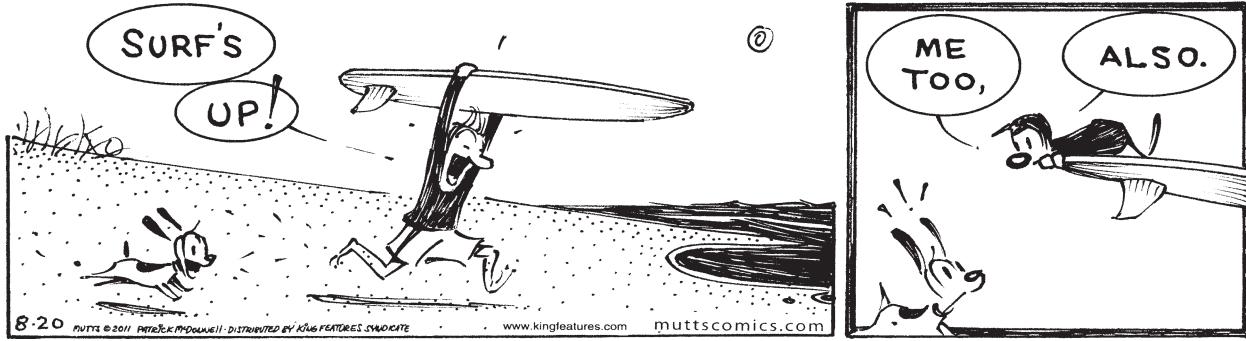


In this May 18, 2006 photo, Burger King CEO John W. Chidsey, background center, watches as "The King" mascot of Burger King Corp., arrives at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Associated Press

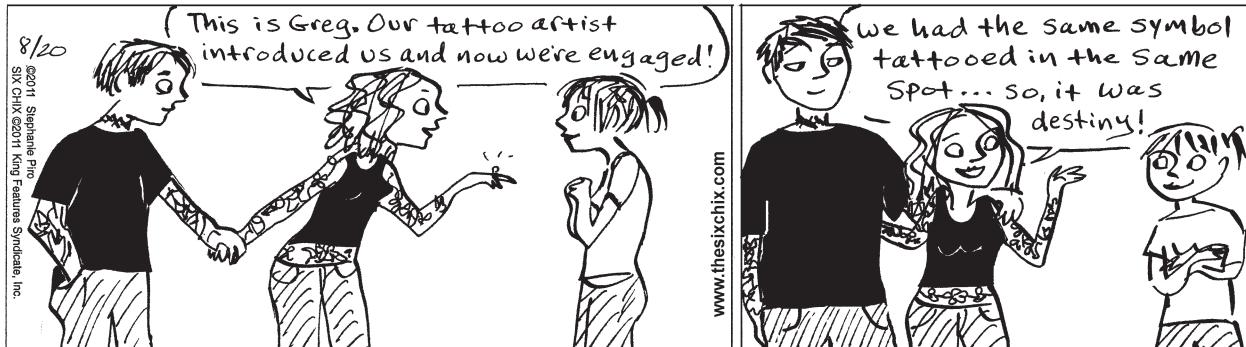
been eaten up by rivals. In 2010, the top three U.S. restaurant chains — McDonald's, Subway and Starbucks — all reported strong revenue gains, while fourth-seat Burger King's revenue fell 2.5 percent. In the second quarter,

Burger King's net income fell more than 13 percent to \$42.8 million. Its revenue fell 4 percent to \$596.2 million. During the same quarter, McDonald's profit rose 15 percent to \$1.4 billion and its revenue rose 16 percent to \$6.9 billion. □

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# Today In History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, August 20, the 232nd day of 2011. There are 133 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

**1741 - Danish** explorer Vitus Bering, on a mission sponsored by Russia, discovers Alaska.

1831 - French army enters Belgium, forcing Dutch forces to withdraw.

1866 - U.S. President Andrew Johnson formally declares the American Civil War over, even though fighting had stopped months earlier.

**1908 - Belgium's** King Leopold II hands over the Congo, until then his personal possession, to the Belgian government.

**1914 - German** forces occupy Brussels during World War I.

**1918 - Britain** opens its offensive on the Western front during World War I.

1940 - Exiled Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky is attacked near Mexico City by a Spanish Communist with an ice pick. He dies the next day.

**1946 - Allied** Control Commission dissolves Wehrmacht — the army — in Germany.

**1953 - France** deposes Sultan of Morocco; the Soviet Union publicly acknowledges it tested a hydrogen bomb.

1955 - Hundreds of people are killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.

**1964 - U.S.** President Lyndon B. Johnson signs a \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.

1968 - Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations invade Czechoslovakia to crush Alexander Dubcek's liberal regime.

**1971 - Leaders** of Libya, Egypt and Syria sign constitution binding their countries in Federation of Arab Republics.

1975 - U.S. spaceship bound for planet Mars is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

**1976 - South Africa** announces new concession, giving urban blacks full title to the land on which they



Today is Andrew Garfield's birthday

live.

**1977 - NASA** launches the Voyager Two space probe. 1980 - The U.N. Security Council approves a resolution urging all nations not to recognize Israel's recent declaration that all Jerusalem was its undivided and eternal capital. The United States abstains in the vote.

**1987 - Treasure** hunters salvaging objects from doomed luxury liner Titanic scoop up satchel containing a fortune in jewels.

**1988 -** After battlefield setbacks, Iran accepts a U.N. resolution on the Iran-Iraq war, ending the fighting after eight years.

**1990 - Convicts** from Siberian labor camp overpower guards aboard Aeroflot passenger flight, hijack plane to Pakistan and seek political asylum.

**1991 -** Three people are killed in Moscow, Russia, when coup opponents trap a military vehicle beneath an underpass and soldiers inside open fire.

**1992 -** Dozens of people are killed and more than 7,000 buildings wrecked by a strong earthquake in Kyrgyzstan.

**1993 - Zimbabwe** President Robert Mugabe threatens to expel white landowners who object to government efforts to expropriate their property.

**1996 - Russian** troops fight to encircle Grozny, moving up reinforcements as thousands of refugees flee the Chechen capital.

1997 - Responding to an appeal by the embattled Bosnian Serb president,

NATO-led troops seal buildings and seize truckloads of weapons from police loyal to war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic.

**1998 - The U.S.** launches missile attacks against alleged al-Qaida terrorist camps in Afghanistan and a pharmaceutical plant in Sudan in retaliation for attacks earlier in the year on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

**2000 - East Timorese** freedom fighter Jose Alexandre Gusmao surrenders command of his guerrilla army, strengthening his credentials as a civilian politician. 2003 - One protester is shot dead and five others injured in violent clashes with the police in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The protesters were demonstrating against endemic power outages around the country.

**2009 - The U.S.** government branch that keeps world weather records says July is the hottest the world's oceans have been in almost 130 years of record-keeping. The average water tem-

perature worldwide was 62.6 degrees, (17 Celsius). 2010 - Iranian and Russian nuclear technicians make final preparations to start up Iran's first reactor after years of delays, an operation that will mark a milestone in what Tehran considers its right to produce nuclear energy.

#### Today's Birthdays:

Joens Jacob Berzelius, Swedish chemist (1779-1848); Emily Bronte, British author (1818-1848); Benjamin Harrison, U.S. president (1883-1901); Raymond Poincare, French president (1860-1934); Isaac Hayes, U.S. singer (1942-2008); Rajiv Gandhi, Indian prime minister (1944-1991). Andrew Garfield, U.S. actor (1983--)

#### Thought For Today:

If a thing is absolutely true, how can it not also be a lie? An absolute must contain its opposite — Charlotte Painter, American writer and educator (1926--). □

# Classifieds

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Fx: 00-516-605-1064

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Dr. Samuels



Pharmacy on duty  
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Botica Santa Anna Tel: 586-0027

SAN NICOLAAS:  
Aloe Tel: 584-4606

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Oranjestad 582-4000  
Noord 587-0009  
Sta. Cruz 585-4710  
Savaneta 584-7000  
San Nicolas 584-5000

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Emergency 911  
Police 100  
Fire Dept. 115  
Fire Dept. II 582-1108  
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**Emergency Numbers**

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BGD San Nicolas 584-1606

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**Services**

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Women in Difficulties

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Tel: 583-5400

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NO TO CHILD ABUSE  
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**Actress pleads no contest to DUI**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A judge has ordered actress Estella Warren to serve four months in a residential rehab facility after she entered a no contest plea in a drunken driving case on Friday. Los Angeles city attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan says Warren was also sentenced to serve five years of informal probation. The "Planet of the Apes" actress had been facing four misdemeanor charges after her arrest earlier this year for crashing into three parked cars and tussling with police.

The 32-year-old was previously convicted of drunken driving in 2007. Mateljan says Warren a hearing will be held on Oct. 7 to determine if Warren must pay any restitution. She starred opposite Mark Wahlberg in Tim Burton's 2001 version of "Planet of the Apes" and has also worked as a fashion model. □

## 8 nominees: International Emmys for news up for grabs

**CHARLES J. GANS**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Television productions that took viewers inside a Somali pirate stronghold and a Taliban unit fighting in Afghanistan were among the nominees for International Emmy awards in the current affairs and news categories. The eight nominees from six countries and the United Nations include "Unter Piraten" on Germany's Infonetwerk GmbH in the current affairs category and Britain's "Sky News Live at Five: Inside the Taliban" in the news category. □

# Raoul Ruiz, Chilean-born filmmaker, dead at 70

**CECILE BRISSON**

**JAKE COYLE**

**Associated Press Writers**

**PARIS (AP)** — Raoul Ruiz, the Chilean-born filmmaker who made more than 100 films in his teeming, international career, has died. He was 70. A favorite of cinephiles, Ruiz rebelled against the conventions of movie-making in an extensive, varied body of work that didn't result in a widely-known masterpiece, but left behind a vast, labyrinthine collection of experiments, curiosities and innovations. Ruiz died Friday at Saint-Antoine Hospital in Paris following complications from

Proust in "Time Regained" (1999), perhaps Ruiz's best regarded film. Ruiz's sprawling 4 ½-hour "Mysteries of Lisbon," based on the 19th century novella by Portuguese author Camilo Castelo Branco, was released in New York and Los Angeles earlier this month. The film has drawn excellent reviews and in December was awarded the Louis Delluc Prize for best French film of the year.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy described Ruiz as a man of "immense erudition and infinite curiosity" and a "worthy son of the Enlightenment." Born July 25, 1941,

television. He also taught film at Harvard and served as the co-director of the Maison de Culture in Le Havre, France, where he was able to produce his own films and those of others. "Ruiz is the least neurotic of filmmakers," film critic Jonathan Rosenbaum wrote. "He doesn't even seem to care whether what he's doing is good or not (and, as he's aptly noted, bad work and good work generally entail the same amount of effort)."

Ruiz dismissed conflict as an unnecessary quality in drama. He spelled out this belief in his 1995 book, "Po-



**Chilean director Raoul Ruiz gestures before the screening of his film "La Recta Provincia" at the Rome Film Festival. Raoul Ruiz, a French-Chilean filmmaker who directed John Malkovich in a role as Austrian artist Gustav Klimt and worked to put cinema on an artistic par with literature, has died, one of his producers said Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.**

(AP Photo/Ricardo De Luca, File)

a pulmonary infection, said Francois Margolin, a producer of several films by the director. Ruiz had lived in Paris since fleeing Chile in 1973 to escape the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. An avid reader, his filmography is lined with literary adaptations, including versions of works by Franz Kafka ("The Penal Colony," 1970), Nathaniel Hawthorne ("Three Lives and Only One Death," 1996, starring Marcello Mastroianni), Pedro Calderon ("Life Is a Dream," 1987), Shakespeare ("Richard III," 1986) and Marcel

in Puerto Montt, Chile, to a middle class family and the son of a ship captain, Ruiz studied law and theology at the University of Chile before a Rockefeller Foundation grant in 1962 afforded him the opportunity to devote himself to writing.

He wrote a huge quantity of plays before he was 20 years old (he boasted that it was more than 100 plays) and worked as a writer on TV novelas.

His first feature film was 1968's "Three Sad Tigers." Later in Europe, he would continue to work in French

etics of Cinema."

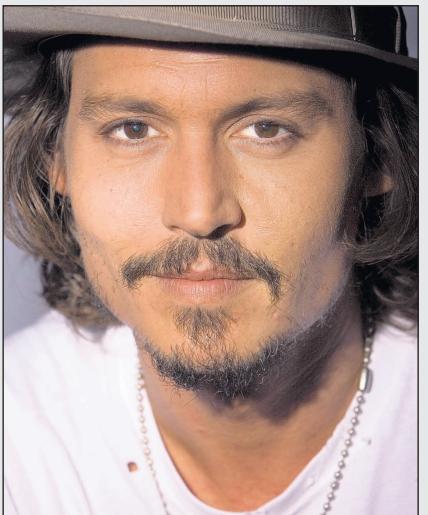
"America is the only place in the world where, very early, cinema developed an all-encompassing narrative and dramatic theory known as central conflict theory," he wrote.

Few of Ruiz's films have been available in the United States. He made a handful of American films, including "Shattered Image" (1998) and "The Golden Boat" (1990). He also directed 2006's "Klimt," a biopic of Austrian painter Gustav Klimt starring John Malkovich. □

## 'The Office' creator Ricky Gervais in new TV show

**LONDON (AP)** — Ricky Gervais, creator of the worldwide comedy hit "The Office" says his star-studded new TV show will focus on the misadventures of a dwarf actor. Gervais, the insult-slinging host of the Golden Globes, has already tapped Steve Carell, Johnny Depp and Liam Neeson to make guest appearances on the mockumentary, called "Life's Too Short."

The show follows the daily life of a dwarf actor — played by Warwick Davis — who runs a talent agency for fellow dwarves but keeps the best parts for himself. Gervais described the show as a cross between "The Office," and his showbiz-themed comedy "Extras." The seven-part show launches on the BBC this fall. Gervais has said if Davis isn't a success, "I'll eat Johnny Depp's hat." □



**Actor Johnny Depp** posing in Beverly Hills, CA. Ricky Gervais, creator of the worldwide comedy hit "The Office" says his star-studded new TV show will focus on the misadventures of a dwarf actor. Gervais, the insult-slinging host of the Golden Globes, has already tapped Steve Carell, Johnny Depp and Liam Neeson to make guest appearances on the mockumentary, called "Life's Too Short."

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## AP Interview: Cover Drive gets boost from Rihanna

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**LONDON (AP)** — Rihanna's not just sitting pretty, enjoying her mega-successful career — she's also lending a helping hand to other musical acts from Barbados.

She picked newcomers Cover Drive to back her at an Aug. 5 show for 20,000 in her homeland, which ensured strong notice for the newcomers.

The group consists of bass player Jamar Harding, rapper/drummer T. Ray Armstrong, lead singer Amanda Reifer and guitarist Barry Hill.

The quartet told The Associated Press that backing up Rihanna was the best 20 minutes of their lives and they would love to have an amazing career like hers. They are now based in London and are scheduled to perform Aug. 29 during the Notting Hill Carnival. They cited Rihanna as one of their key musical influ-

ences, along with the Black Eyed Peas, No Doubt and Bruno Mars.

"We are huge Rihanna fans, I mean massive, and when we found out we were going to open for her our brains melted," Reifer said in the interview last week.

"She was amazing, she's really supportive."

Cover Drive built up its fan base by putting videos on YouTube called the Fedora Sessions. Their cover of Train's "Hey, Soul Sister" got so much interest it lead to a record deal. Now they're releasing their debut single, "Lick You Down" in Britain on Aug. 28.

Band members are quick to note the song's title isn't erotic but refers to a local Creole saying meaning "knock you down." They call their music "Carib-pop" — what you get when you take Caribbean and pop music and put it in a blender.

"You have a nice, amazing

## Oasis singer Gallagher suing brother

**LONDON (AP)** — One of music's most famous family feuds is headed for the courts.

Oasis singer Liam Gallagher said Friday he is suing his estranged brother and former bandmate, Noel, for saying his hangover forced the rumbustious Brit rockers to cancel a concert.

Bad blood between the brothers has made headlines ever since Oasis burst to fame in 1994 with debut album "Definitely Maybe." When Noel left the band in 2009 he said it was because he couldn't work "a day longer" with his brother. Liam is disputing comments Noel made last month alleging that Liam pulled out of the 2009 V Festival due to a hangover.

Liam said in a statement he wants an apology and for Oasis fans "to know the truth" about what happened — laryngitis prevented him from performing the gig.

He also took issue with his brother's claim that "the demise of Oasis followed

a massive row in which he claimed I demanded to advertise my clothing range Pretty Green in the Oasis tour program."

"The truth is there was no such discussion or row between us. There are many

"This is not about money," he added. "All I want is a full apology from Noel." Liam Gallagher's spokesman confirmed the singer had issued a writ at the High Court in London against his brother.



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reasons why Oasis split. But it had nothing to do with my clothing range."

Representatives of Noel Gallagher declined to comment. □



**In this Aug. 5, 2011 image made available by wearecoverdrive.com, Rihanna poses for a photograph with her supporting act Cover Drive, from left, Barry Hill, Amanda Reifer, Rihanna, T. Ray Armstrong and Jamar Harding backstage at Kensington Oval, near Bridgetown, Barbados. Rihanna's not just sitting pretty, enjoying her mega-successful career; she's also lending a helping hand to other musical acts from Barbados. She picked newcomers Cover Drive to back her at an Aug. 5 show for 20,000 in her homeland, which ensured strong notice for the newcomers.**

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drink of Caribbean music," said Reifer.

"It means it's feel-good, it's

fun, it's fresh, it's sun shining, it's all the things we like to use to describe our music."

Not bad for an act who initially met when Reifer was baby-sitting Armstrong. □

## The question-driven life



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RIFT VALLEY, Kenya — We are born with what some psychologists call an "explanatory drive." You give a baby a strange object or something that doesn't make sense and she will become instantly absorbed; using all her abilities — taste, smell, force — to figure out how it fits in with the world. I recently met someone who, though in his seventh decade, still seems to be gripped by this sort of compulsive curiosity. His name is Philip Leakey.

He is the third son of the famed paleoanthropologists Louis and Mary Leakey and the brother of the equally renowned scholar Richard Leakey. Philip was raised by people whose lives were driven by questions. Parts of his childhood were organized around expeditions to places like Olduvai Gorge where Louis and most especially Mary searched for bones, footprints and artifacts of early man. The Leakeys also tend to have large personalities. Strains of adventurousness, contentiousness, impulsivity and romance run through the family, producing spell-binding people who are sometimes hard to deal with.

Philip was also reared in the Kenyan bush. There are certain people whose lives are permanently shaped by their frontier childhoods. They grew up out in nature, adventuring alone for long stretches, befriending strange animals and snakes, studying bugs and rock formations, learning to fend for themselves. (The Leakeys are the sort of people who, when their car

breaks down in the middle of nowhere, manage to fix the engine with the innards of a cow.)

This sort of childhood seems to have imprinted Philip with a certain definition of happiness — out there in the bush, lost in some experiment. Naturally, he wasn't going to fit in at boarding school.

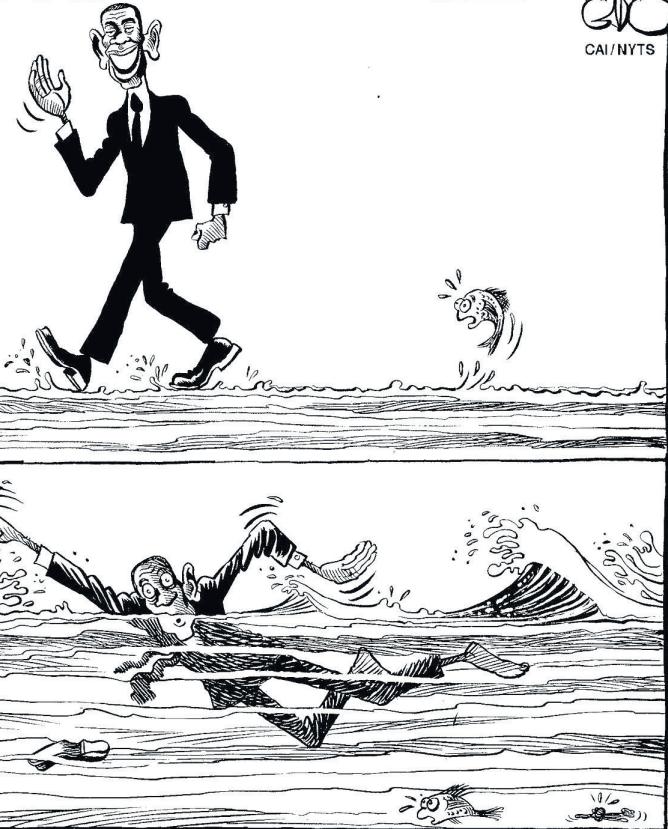
At 16, he decided to drop out and made a deal with his parents. He would fend for himself if they would hire a tutor to teach him Swahili. Kenya has 42 native tribes, and over the next years Phillip moved in with several. He started a series of small businesses — mining, safari, fertilizer manufacturing and so on. As one Kenyan told me, it's quicker to list the jobs he didn't hold than the ones he did. The Leakey family has been prolifically chronicled, and in some of the memoirs Philip comes off as something of a black sheep, who could never focus on one thing. But he became the first white Kenyan to win election to Parliament after independence, serving there for 15 years.

I met him at the remote mountain camp where he now lives, a bumpy four-hour ride south of Nairobi near the Rift Valley. Leakey and his wife, Katy — an artist who baby-sat for Jane Goodall and led a cultural expedition up the Amazon — have created an enterprise called the Leakey Collection, which employs up to 1,200 of the local Maasai, and sells designer jewelry and household items around the world.

The Leakeys live in a mountaintop tent. Their kitchen and dining room is a lean-to with endless views across the valley. The workers sit out under the trees gossiping and making jewelry. Getting a tour of the facilities is like walking through "Swiss Family Robinson" or "Dr. Dolittle."

Philip has experiments running up and down the mountainside. He's trying to build an irrigation system that doubles as a tilapia farm. □

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## Iowa's tarnished straw-poll circus

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IMAGINE FOR a moment a campaign for chancellor of Germany. Angela Merkel, competing against an open field for her party's nomination, participates in a traditional event in Dusseldorf, where each candidate's supporters purchase slots on a giant carnival roulette wheel. The more supporters, the better one's chances of taking the trial poll. At midnight, the party chairman spins the wheel to see who wins. Too ridiculous to be true? Yes. But to anyone outside America — and most people outside Iowa — the Ames straw poll must look equally bizarre and nearly as random. GOP presidential candidates purchase tickets for "voters" who may or may not vote their way. Tents, bands, and endless barbecue are employed to "convince" the undecided that a particular candidate is best suited to serve as the leader of the free world.

Mike Huckabee gets to play lots of guitar. Last week's Ames straw poll made news, as it often does, because two candidates — Michele Bachmann and Ron Paul — exceeded expectations, while others fell short. After finishing a distant third, Tim Pawlenty abruptly quit the race. Ames has become the political

equivalent of Lady Gaga — "I don't care what you think — just pay attention to me, please!" Unfortunately, he mistakenly thought that with the poll in his backyard, it would be easy to produce a big performance. But the average straw poll participant is far from the average voter. In Ames, a narrow but fanatic base can produce a great outcome. Just ask Ron Paul, who nearly won despite distributing far fewer tickets than Bachmann.

The candidates who managed expectations effectively get to move on. Credit Rick Perry here — he announced his candidacy the day of the poll, saving himself the money, the aggravation, and perhaps some embarrassment. New Hampshire hasn't gone down the Ames road, nor should it. Sure, there are a few local straw polls, but nothing sanctioned by the state party. Primaries should be about personal interaction, issues, and demonstrating a broad appeal, not distributing \$30 barbecue tickets. Ironically, Pawlenty had a far better chance of exceeding expectations in New Hampshire. He'd still be in the race if, like Romney and Huntsman, he had just said, "I'm not wasting my money in Ames." □

# Chris tucker, back again: was he ever away?

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.** —

For no more than a minute, Chris Tucker posed audaciously on the stage of the Shoreline Amphitheater here on Saturday night, clad in leather jacket and dark sunglasses, as he absorbed the cheers and applause of the crowd. To the 20,000 or so enthusiastic audience members at the Wild 94.9 Comedy Jam, his entrance alone was a satisfying end to what felt like an eternity of anticipation. Yet to Tucker, 38, the manic, motor-mouth comic and actor who ascended from the low-budget comedy "Friday" to the blockbuster "Rush Hour" franchise before an abrupt vanishing act, the four years that have elapsed since his last substantial screen appearance have gone by in no time at all.

As he relaxed in an upscale hotel room in nearby East Palo Alto, hours before a standup set in which he riffed on his celebrity lifestyle, his A-list friends and his vertiginous tax bill, Tucker said that all the questions he gets about his hiatus are probably a sign that he took one without realizing it. "It doesn't really feel like it," Tucker said, his voice rising from subdued to cartoonishly squeaky, "until people say, 'Hey, where you been?' I'll be like: 'I've been here. I've been living.' " Tucker was not likely to dispel these questions at a comedy concert that saw him billed alongside Dave Chappelle and Katt Williams, fellow stand-ups who have taken very public departures from their work: Chappelle amid his unease about the racial overtones of his hit Comedy Central series "Chappelle's Show" and Williams under a cloud of arrests and personal problems. He says nothing was specifically responsible for his detour, except disappointment with the roles offered him. And Tucker, who on Friday will begin his own cross-country comedy tour in preparation for what he says will be bigger things to come, is supremely con-

President Barack Obama and the various pitfalls of fame, was substantially different from the one he performed when he was younger and, perhaps, hungrier. But Tucker, who is now the father of a 12-year-old son, Destin, made no apologies.

(Ratner said he later sent Tucker an additional \$500 anyway.)

The following year, Tucker landed a life-altering role as Smokey, the strangely frantic stoner pal of Ice Cube in the comedy "Friday." F. Gary Gray, the film's director, said he fought for

grossing more than \$27 million on a \$3.5 million budget, according to Boxofficemojo.com. But Tucker declined to participate in any of its sequels. "People are loving it," he said, "and why mess with it when people love it? Let that just live on."



Chris Tucker in Mountain View, Calif. Four years since his last movie, Tucker is starting a comedy tour and planning some films.

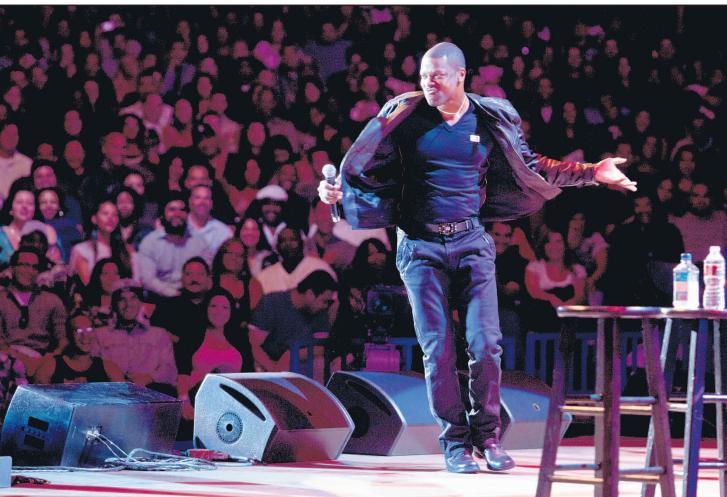
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fident that he can pick up exactly where he left off. "It would only make me better to be more patient," he said. "I was fearless with that. Because I believe in myself. And I believe that I can always come back in the business."

Tucker, who was raised the youngest of six siblings in Decatur, Ga., and who splits his time between Atlanta and Los Angeles, was no less self-assured—though a bit more impulsive—when he burst onto the scene in the 1990s.

Brett Ratner, who directed Tucker in "Money Talks" and the "Rush Hour" movies, recalled that in 1994, when he recruited the comedian from his "Def Comedy Jam" audition tapes to appear in the video for "Nuttin' but Love" by Heavy D & the Boyz, Tucker unhesitatingly asked for \$1,000.

"I go, 'I've only got 500,'" Ratner said. "I really only had \$500. And he said, 'All right, can I keep the wardrobe?' And I said yeah."



Chris Tucker during his set at the Wild 94.9 Comedy Jam event inside Shoreline Ampitheater in Mountain View, Calif., Aug. 13, 2011.

(Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

Tucker over actors who were better known at the time, like Chris Rock and Tommy Davidson, believing he possessed an innate star quality.

"His audition was just OK, it wasn't great, but his ability to improvise was unmatched," Gray said. "We shot the movie in 20 days, so if we had the luxury of a second or third take, then I would let him improvise, and he was brilliant."

"Friday" became a cult hit,

He was not similarly concerned about appearing repeatedly as the mismatched police partner of Jackie Chan in three "Rush Hour" movies, which took in more than \$850 million worldwide between 1998 and 2007. These are the only films Tucker made during this period, and he has not made another one since. "It was something easy for me to do," Tucker said of the franchise, "and it traveled well, so it made

sense."

It surely did not hurt that he reaped a \$20 million salary for "Rush Hour 2" and \$25 million for "Rush Hour 3."

His goal, Tucker said, was to work on the "Rush Hour" series while he pursued other more ambitious roles. "When I got to 'Rush Hour,'

" he said, ``I felt like: OK, I've proven myself as the pinnacle. Now where's all the bigger movies?"

Instead, he said, the parts he was offered were too similar to "Rush Hour" and "frankly, just weren't good enough." So Tucker said he simply sat it out, rather than accept projects to stay in the public eye.

In the intervening years, he retraced his lineage for the PBS series "African American Lives," made trips to the Cannes Film Festival and cultivated a friendship with Michael Jackson.

"I probably wouldn't have wanted to be around him if he wasn't nice," said Tucker, who appeared in the video for Jackson's "You Rock My World." "But he was so kind to me. He knew I was a big fan. When I thought he was around, if I heard he was around, I would reach out."

Colleagues suggested that Tucker is not a man who makes commitments easily. Ratner said he begged him to do "Rush Hour 3" and resorted to crocodile tears to convince him to take a small role in Quentin Tarantino's 1997 crime drama "Jackie Brown."

"He goes, 'Stop crying, Jew boy,'" Ratner said, imitating the high-pitched voice Tucker uses when he is being facetious. "He called me Jew boy, but he can call me whatever he wants because we're friends."

(Tucker said he did not remember discussing "Jackie Brown" with Ratner and took the role over the objections of a manager who felt it was too small for him.) Ratner predicted that Tucker would face no shortage of film opportunities when he completes his comedy tour, which is booked through Nov. in 20 cities from Seattle to Miami Beach. □